

SOMETHING PRVIOUSLY ADOPTED

I am amending Ordinance 26-020 to clarify that exemptions are to be made for emergencies only, and to better protect taxpayers from undue financial burden caused by the actions of others. Specifically, to add new subsections (C) and (D) to 11.08.010 to specify permits are limited emergencies only. Additionally, to amend 11.08.025 to add stipulations that ensure information is provided to determine the nature of the emergency and ensure the route taken will minimize damage. Specifically, by amending B (2) to list the route and adding requirements for applicants to identify the parcel involved and the nature of the emergency.

I MOVE to amend Ordinance 26-020 as follows:

- MSB 11.08.010 by inserting new subsection (C) and (D) to read:
 - (C) Exemptions shall be issued only where a specific property, household, business, or public facility is experiencing emergency life, health or safety conditions that cannot reasonably be addressed by a vehicle within posted weight limits, or addressed at a later time when weight restrictions are no longer in place. Permits shall not be issued for economic convenience.
 - (D) Exemptions must be made in writing by the Manager or their designee, in consultation with the Road Maintenance Supervisor for the affected area, and the Road Service area chair for the affected area shall be notified of any granted exemptions; and
- MSB 11.08.025, as follows:
 - In (B)(2), by changing the language to read: date of travel, route, and starting point and ending point.
 - To insert a (B)(5) to read: Identify the specific address or parcel involved; and
 - To insert a (B)(6) to read: State the nature of the emergency, and reason(s) why no other option to address the situation is available.

Reason for amendments

Northern roads are especially vulnerable during breakup when the freeze-thaw cycle weakens the underlying road base. Allowing heavy loads to run across these weakened bases causes serious damage and shortens the road's lifespan, which leads to a significant financial burden borne by taxpayers. The following amendments protect taxpayers from unnecessary costs by ensuring exemptions are for true emergencies only — not for convenience.