

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*



## ASB-2 Roadside Mowing Policy

Department: Agricultural Service Board

### POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul desires to control vegetation growth along rights-of-way for the purpose of weed and brush control, snow trapping, and wildlife visibility on roads designated by the Agricultural Fieldman and Director of Public Works while also ensuring the safety of residents and employees.

### POLICY STATEMENTS:

#### 1.0 Safety Matters

1.1 The following safety precautions shall be adhered to while performing roadside mowing along County roads:

- (a) Read and understand Operator's manual for equipment to be used prior to operating. Learn the specific uses of all controls, indicators, warning lights. Wear safety equipment. Avoid loose clothing. Walk around equipment making sure there are no obstructions or problems with the machine once a day. Keep all shields in place. Keep windows clean;
- (b) Revolving lights and four ways should always be on when operating or travelling or mowing;
- (c) Mowing should always take place in the same direction as the flow of traffic. Operator must not stop or park in hilly areas or on sharp curves;
- (d) Operator must service equipment as recommended in owner's manual or as shop foreman requests;
- (e) Operator must report all defects or problems with the mowing unit to the supervisor. The operator must ensure the machine has been repaired properly and is safe to operate;
- (f) Check equipment blades and drivelines to ensure they are in good working order;
- (g) Equipment must be kept clean and free of debris. (when mowing through weed patches machine is to be swept clean to help prevent the spread of seeds);
- (h) Operators cab must be kept clear of tools and debris;

- (i) Check area to be cut for potential hazards such as rocks, culverts, telephone pedestals to avoid equipment and property damage;
- (j) Operator must maintain telephone or radio contact with supervisor in case of emergency;
- (k) Always watch for flying debris especially on roads with high traffic; and
- (l) Never exceed equipment standards on slopes. Check slope meters to stay in working standards.

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