

68-5,102. Declaration of minimum maintenance roads; procedure; posting of road; limitation of tort liability. (a) When the board of county commissioners of any county is of the opinion that any road within the county or on the county line is used only occasionally or is used only by a few individuals, the board may commence proceedings to declare the road a "minimum maintenance road.". Roads which have been constructed with federal aid shall not be minimum maintenance roads.

(b) When a determination is to be made that one or more roads or parts of roads may be declared minimum maintenance roads, the board shall adopt a resolution describing such roads and shall transmit copies thereof to the planning commission of the county for its recommendation.

(c) When a resolution is adopted under subsection (b) the board of county commissioners shall cause it to be published once in the official county paper together with a statement that a hearing will be held on such determination with the time and place of such hearing specified. Any person wishing to appear at such hearing and give evidence or testimony thereon may do so. At the conclusion of such hearing the board shall determine what roads or parts of roads described in such resolution are to be declared by it minimum maintenance roads.

(d) Not later than 10 days after any road is declared to be a minimum maintenance road, signs shall be posted thereon by the board of county commissioners stating "Minimum maintenance, travel at your own risk." Such signs shall display black letters on a yellow background with the letters being at least two inches high.

(e) When any road described in (b) is on, or partly on, a county line, a copy of such resolution shall be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of the adjoining county in which a part of such road is located. Also, a copy shall be transmitted to the planning commission of such adjoining county and any regional or metropolitan planning commission in which both of such counties are located. The board of county commissioners of such adjoining county, its planning commission and any regional or metropolitan planning commission in which both counties are located may make recommendation to the board of county commissioners adopting such resolution. Adoption of a resolution under (b) shall not limit the right of the board of county commissioners of any adjoining county from proceeding under this act. The action of either of such boards of county commissioners shall apply only to that portion of such road which is in the county of the board adopting a resolution under (b).

(f) Whenever a road has been declared a minimum maintenance road in accordance with this section and signs have been posted thereon as provided in (d), the state, the county and the townships within such county and employees of such governmental entities shall be exempt from liability for any claim by any person under the Kansas tort claims act with respect to such minimum maintenance roads. No such governmental entity or employee thereof shall be liable for damages arising from such roads or their maintenance or condition.

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