

ORDINANCE NO. 2658

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
ADDING CHAPTER 3, RELATING TO PRIVATE ROADS, TO DIVISION 2 OF TITLE  
IV OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 423-1 through 423-9 of Chapter 3 of Division 2 of Title IV of the Humboldt County Code are hereby added as shown on the attached pages.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage. A summary shall be published at least five (5) days before the date set for adoption and again fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance. It shall be published once with the names of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Humboldt, State of California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Bass, Fennell, Bohn, Madrone, Wilson  
NOES: Supervisors:  
ABSENT: Supervisors:  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors:



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Estelle Fennell, Chair  
Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt  
State of California

(SEAL)

ATTEST:  
Kathy Hayes  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California

  
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By: Ryan Sharp, Deputy

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **PRIVATE ROADS**

#### **423-1. Definitions.**

"Private road" or "private roads," as either term is used in this chapter, means and shall refer only to those privately owned roads which are specified in a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-2. California Vehicle Code Applicable.**

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 21107.5, the California Vehicle Code is hereby rendered applicable in its entirety (including, without limitation, the requirements set forth in the following sections) to the private roads described in Humboldt County Code section 423-1. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-3. Driving Unlawful Without License.**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a private road unless they hold a driver's license issued under the provisions of the California Vehicle Code, except such persons as are expressly exempted under the California Vehicle Code. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-4. Speed Limit on Private Roads.**

A prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour applies to private roads, unless the resolution establishes a different speed limit. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-5. Stopping at Intersections.**

Every person driving a vehicle upon a private road shall stop such vehicle at the nearest intersecting line of an intersecting roadway when a stop sign, substantially conforming to the requirements of the California Vehicle Code for such signs, is erected at such intersecting roadway, and shall not proceed until such movement can be made in safety. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-6. Following Too Closely.**

The driver of a vehicle upon a private road shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon, and the condition of, the roadway. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-7. Reckless Driving.**

No person shall drive any vehicle upon private roads in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

#### **423-8. Parking and Standing Vehicles.**

No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the main traveled portion of a private road, when it is practicable to stop, park or leave such vehicle off the main traveled portion. Whenever a vehicle is stopped on a private road, an unobstructed width adjacent to the standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles, and a clear view of the stopped vehicle shall be available from a distance of 200 feet in each direction along the roadway. This section shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/ /2020)

**423-9. Private Ownership and Maintenance of Roads Designated Under this Chapter.**

The Director of the Department of Public Works may impose reasonable conditions on the use of private roads and may authorize the owners to erect traffic signs, signals, markings and devices which conform to the uniform standards and specifications adopted by the State Department of Transportation. The owners of any private road shall bear all reasonable costs associated with the signing, maintenance and operation of such road. (Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, §, 11/\_\_\_\_/2020)