

Burke County

Augusta MSA

2003 Population Estimate 22,949; +3.1% change from 2000 Census.

Not a Tree City USA.

No tree board established by ordinance.

ARTICLE II. TIMBER OPERATIONS

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Addresses private property.

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ARTICLE II. TIMBER OPERATIONS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 30-31. Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to provide regulations governing use of public roads by persons engaged in timber operations in the county and establish procedures for the conduct of such operations in order to assure the public safety and to protect the county roadways and environment.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. I)

Sec. 30-32. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Permit means the permit issued by the road department to do timber operations in the county.

Road department means the Burke County road department.

Road superintendent means the superintendent of the Burke County road department.

Surety bond means a cash bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or a bond issued by a licensed surety authorized to do business in the state.

Timber means softwood or hardwood trees harvested for commercial purposes.

Timber operations means buying, cutting, harvesting, loading and/or hauling timber.

Timber operator means any person engaged in timber operations.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. II)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 30-33. Enforcement.

(a) Upon notice from the issuing authority, work on any project that is being done contrary to the provisions of this article shall be immediately stopped. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the permit holder, the person in charge of the operations, and the owner of the property, and shall state the conditions under which work may resume. When an emergency exists, written notice shall not be required.

(b) If the conditions are not brought into compliance within five working days of the notice, the road department shall accomplish the work and deduct the costs from the posted bond. Any violation of the provisions of this article shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. V)

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. III, § 3-200)

Secs. 30-59--30-80. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 30-81. Culverts.

Prior to the timber operator's commencing operations, the road superintendent shall inspect the point of access to the county road from the operation site to determine its suitability. If a culvert is required at the point of access, it shall be installed by the timber operator as directed by the road superintendent.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. IV, § 4-100)

Sec. 30-82. Signs.

The timber operation shall post two signs in each direction from the point of access onto the county road. One sign at a distance of 1,000 feet stating "Warning: Logging Operations Ahead," and one sign at a distance of 500 feet stating "Slow Truck Entering Highway." Signs shall be 36" x 36", erected in a diamond shape, painted orange with black legend and posted at least three feet from the travel surface of the roadway.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. IV, § 4-200)

Sec. 30-83. Timber operations.

During the period of operations the timber operator shall comply with the following:

- (1) All harvesting operations shall be conducted on the selected site and off the county roads and rights-of-way. Logging and skidding of logs on county roads and rights-of-way are strictly prohibited.
- (2) Ditches shall be kept clear of all debris and residue at all times to permit proper drainage.
- (3) There shall be no blockage of county roads at the access site, and roads must remain open at all times.
- (4) No equipment, trucks or trailers shall be allowed to park on any public road or right-of-way.
- (5) Mud shall not be carried onto paved roads by logging vehicles. Where necessary, a temporary construction exit of gravel shall be maintained by the timber operator to eliminate any hazard to traffic or unsightly conditions on the public right-of-way.
- (6) During periods of rain or inclement weather, logging vehicles shall not be operated over the county's unimproved roads when such travel causes sufficient damage to the road system that the passage of smaller and lighter vehicles is hampered.

(Ord. of 9-12-95, art. IV, § 4-300)