CRAWFORD COUNTY
LOGGING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Crawford County has experienced damage to various roadways, ditches, and bridges in the county due to logging operations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Crawford County and the health, welfare and safety of the county and for the protection of the county road system, ditches, and bridges to adopt the “Crawford County Logging Ordinance.

1. Access Permit Required: No person shall begin logging a tract of land in Crawford County without first obtaining an access permit from the County Planning and Zoning Office of Crawford County, in the manner specified in this Ordinance.

2. General Standards for Issuance of Temporary Access Permit: The Planning and Zoning Office of Crawford County shall issue an access permit hereunder when it finds:

a. That the aforementioned work shall be done in accordance with the standard specifications of Crawford County Planning and Zoning and the Roads Department Offices;

b. That the health, welfare and safety of the public will not be unreasonably impaired; and

d. That the roadways will not be damaged and proper water drainage will not be adversely affected.

3. Construction and Supervision: All work for which an access permit is granted hereunder shall be constructed according to the specifications established by Crawford County so that the drainage, access, compaction, materials, dimensions, slope, width, and other aspects shall not unreasonably interfere with normal traffic flow and drainage considerations. All ramp or access construction granted hereunder shall be at least 48 feet in width and under the direction and supervision of the Road Superintendent or his designee, who shall have the authority to order the applicant to immediately cease all logging when applicant does not construct and maintain access ramps to County standards. The logging operator will be responsible for all cost associated with ramp construction.

4. Permit Information: Every person required to procure a logging access permit under the provisions of this Ordinance shall submit a written application for such permit to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Office. The written application shall state the following:

a. The name and address of the operator.
b. The name and address of the property owner.
c. The purpose for which the application is submitted.
d. A map showing the location of the tract to be logged.

5. Issuance of Permit: After a review of the application, the County shall either issue or deny the request for a permit in writing. If the permit is approved, the permit shall be valid for the permitted site until released or terminated pursuant to the terms of this ordinance.

6. Display of Permit: It shall be the duty of any operator hereunder to display the permit issued to him in a conspicuous place at the site of the driveway. It shall be unlawful for any person to exhibit such permit at or about any location not covered thereby, or to misrepresent the number of the permit or the date of expiration of the permit.

7. Bond: Prior to receiving the permit, all operators hereunder shall file with the County a cash bond or irrevocable letter of credit from a lending institution in the amount of $5,000.00 and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Crawford County Board of Commissioners from all damages and cost of repairs to any county road, county right-of ways, ditches, and bridges. Within 30 days after completion of the project, operator shall remove the driveway and restore the right-of-way to its original condition. The bond may be released provided all corrections, repairs, and improvements have been made by the operator within the time limits stated herein.

In the event the operator fails to correct any damages within 30 days after completion of the project or within 30 days from written notice from county, whichever first occurs, the County may correct all damages. All costs and charges to the County for the corrective work shall be the responsibility of the operator, who shall reimburse the County within 30 days after he is presented with a written bill for corrective work. The County shall use the bond as an offset to the costs, and if the costs of the corrective work exceed the value of said bond, the applicant shall be responsible for the deficit balance.

8. Warning Signs: Any firm, company, or person operating on county rights-of-way shall be required to post warning signs at least 500 feet on both sides of the temporary driveway adequately warning oncoming traffic of persons, vehicles, equipment or machinery entering roadway.

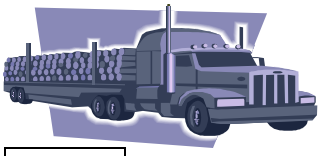
9. Violation: Any operator who performs activity in violation of his Ordinance shall be subject to a fine which shall not exceed $1,000.00 or 60 days confinement or both under the provisions of 0.C.G.A. 36-1-20.

10. Repeal: All ordinances, resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

READ AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____2007.

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FRED WALKER, CHAIRMAN
CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER



PERMIT # _____ **TAX COMM. NOTIFIED** ☐

CRAWFORD COUNTY
NOTIFICATION OF HARVESTING

Harvesting contractor: _____

Contract person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number (s) :_____

Landowner : _____

Map: _____ Parcel : _____

Location: _____

ROADS YOU WILL BE USING ON THIS ROUTE: _____

_____

Timber Sale Acreage: _____

Beginning date: _____

Estimated ending date: _____

Notification of completion by: _____ Date: _____

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: _____ Date: _____

SITE MAP

Applicant's Signature: _____ DATE: _____