

ORDINANCE 2010 - 9

An ordinance to amend Chapter 453 of the Monroe County Code concerning Winter Weather Road ~~Advisories~~ Notices and Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Restrictions on Travel.

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Commissioners desire to revise Chapter 453 of the Monroe County Code to replace language concerning the declaration of Local Disaster Emergencies when County roads are not to be closed with language adopting the State of Indiana's system for county regulation of the use of roadways when winter weather adversely affects travel conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Commissioners find that the proposed amendments would promote the health, safety, comfort and general welfare of the citizens of Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana that the title of Chapter 453 and sections 453-1 and 453-2 are amended to read as follows (Deleted language is indicated by ~~strikeout~~ and added language is indicated by underline):

CHAPTER 453

COUNTY ROAD WINTER WEATHER TRAVEL ~~ADVISORIES~~ NOTICES AND EMERGENCY DECLARATION TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

453-1 Winter Weather County Road Travel Status Levels

Monroe County shall use the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Winter Weather County Travel Status Level system to inform the public when winter weather adversely affects travel conditions and to regulate the use of the County's roads when such conditions occur.

(A) This system provides for the identification by Monroe County officials of 4 levels of winter roadway conditions:

(1) Caution- A condition may develop that limits or hinders travel ~~or activities~~ in isolated areas. No travel restrictions have been ~~reported~~ placed in effect by county officials, but citizens should be alert to changing conditions. This level indicates normal travel conditions.

(2) Level 3 ~~Watch Advisory~~ Watch- Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation; citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.

(3) Level 2 ~~Warning Watch~~- Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from work, emergency situations, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should now be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.

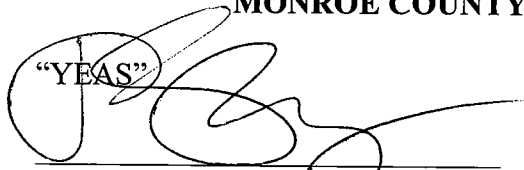
(4) Level 1 ~~Emergency Warning~~- ~~A State of Emergency has been declared by the County Commissioners.~~ Travel may be restricted to emergency personnel ONLY! only. Citizens are directed to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and comply with the directions of properly identified officers. Further and more specific restrictions may be included in the a disaster declaration issued pursuant to Section 453-2 of this Chapter.

(B) When winter weather watches and warnings are issued by the National Weather Service the Monroe County Highway Department, Sheriff Department and Emergency Management Agency shall monitor the developing situation. The responsible department officials (i.e. County Highway Superintendent, Sheriff Department Representative, and Emergency Management Director, or their representatives) will confer to assess the risk of dangerous travel conditions for Monroe County and determine if and when to elevate the Caution condition to a Level 3 ~~Watch Advisory~~ or Level 2 ~~Warning Watch~~.

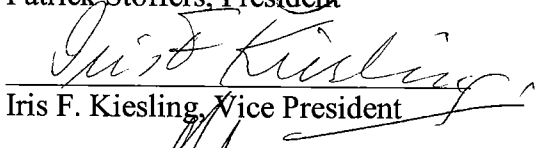
(C) If the County's responsible department officials determine that weather conditions have made travel so hazardous as to potentially warrant the closure of Monroe County roads, the President of the County Commissioners shall be informed of the situation. The Board of County Commissioners shall determine if the conditions should be elevated to a Level 1 ~~Emergency Warning~~ so as to restrict travel on County roads to emergency personnel only. This determination shall be pursuant to Section 453-2 of this Chapter.

Adopted this 26th day of February, 2010.

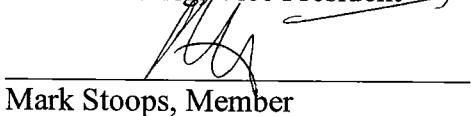
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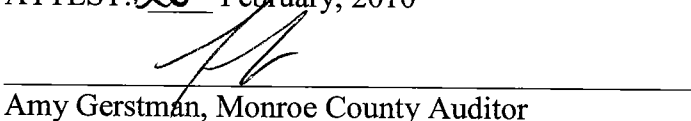
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ATTEST: 26th February, 2010


Amy Gerstman, Monroe County Auditor