

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-1

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT TRAVEL ADVISORY STATUS
LEVELS FOR DECATUR COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County as county executive is authorized by Ind. Code 10-14-3-29 to declare a local disaster emergency;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County is further authorized by Ind. Code 10-14-3-22 to make orders, rules, and regulations as necessary for emergency management purposes;

WHEREAS, weather or other conditions may create hazardous conditions on county roads which threaten public safety;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Decatur County, Indiana:

Section 1. The following travel status information conditions as adopted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are hereby adopted for Decatur County:

(A) Warning (Red)

Travel may be restricted to emergency personnel 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 disaster declaration.

(B) Watch (Orange)

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.

(C) Advisory (Yellow)

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.

(D) Caution (White)

A condition may develop that limits or hinders travel in isolated areas. No travel restrictions have been placed in effect by county officials, but citizens should be alert to changing conditions.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners may issue a travel status alert after

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appropriate consultation with the county highway department, sheriff's department, or other agencies. If a majority of the board of commissioners is not available, the determination may be made by one commissioner and may be confirmed when a majority is available.

Section 3. An order or proclamation of emergency conditions which restricts travel to emergency personnel shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in the office of the Decatur County Clerk.

Section 4. As part of declaring a local state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners may prohibit travel on all or a portion of any county road. Travel restrictions shall not apply to emergency personnel or to those working to restore utility service. Any order prohibiting travel on a county road shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in the office of the Decatur County Clerk.

Section 5. Any person who operates a vehicle on a county road in violation of an emergency order prohibiting travel commits a Class C infraction, subject to a fine of up to \$500.00.

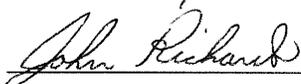
Section 6. A vehicle which is stopped or parked on a county road during a declared disaster emergency, whether attended or unattended, which interferes with snow removal or other emergency relief activities, may be removed and towed to secure location at the owner's expense.

Adopted this 15 day of March, 2010.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS







ATTEST:



Bridgett C. Weber, Auditor