

# Grant County Ordinance No. – 8 -2011

Grant County Ordinance establishing classification for Travel Emergencies.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish an ordinance to control traffic on county maintained roadways during times of hazardous traveling conditions or declared emergencies because of ice, snow, extreme weather conditions or other emergencies and in the best interest of public safety and welfare to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Grant County adopts the All Hazard Travel Ordinance pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.5.; and,

WHEREAS, the Principal Executive Officer of the County by authority of IC 10-14-3-29, 10-4-3-29.5 and Grant County Ordinance has the authority to, and may, declare that hazardous driving conditions exist upon information and recommendations from but not limited to, the Grant County Sheriff or designee; the County Highway Superintendent or designee; and/or the County Emergency Management Director.

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

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known as the All Hazard Travel Ordinance: of Grant County, Indiana, and shall apply to all roads maintained by the Grant County Highway Department. This ordinance shall replace Ordinance No. 7-2008 which is here by repealed

SECTION 2. The Principal Executive Officer, as defined by IC 10-14-3-29 and Grant County Ordinance 14-2005, may by executive order declare a Travel Warning. The declaration will be made after consultation with the Grant County Sheriff, the County Highway Superintendent or designee; and/or the County Emergency Management Director.

SECTION 3. There shall be three (3) classifications of hazardous travel conditions to control road and highway use in either the entire county or portions thereof. Such emergency shall remain in effect until the Principal Executive Officer, determines that an emergency no longer exists.

**Travel Advisory:** Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation; citizens should use caution or avoid these areas.

**Travel Watch:** Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

**Travel Warning:** means that travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only. During a "warning" local travel advisory, individuals 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 obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly

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identified officers. Further and more specific restrictions, including parking restrictions, may be included in a "warning" local travel advisory.

SECTION 5. Publication and broadcast of the proclamation of any of the above classified declarations shall be released to the media by the Office of the Grant County Commissioners.

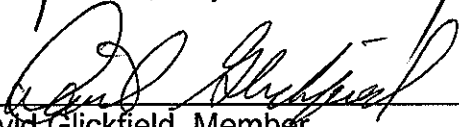
SECTION 6. Any person who willfully violates Section 3, Travel Warning of this ordinance commits a Class C Infraction. Any vehicle in violation of the ordinance is subject to removal by towing, or other means, at the expense of the owner as deemed necessary by but not limited to, the Grant county Highway Department or Grant County Sheriff's Department. In addition, the Grant County Courts may direct the violator to repay Grant County for any monetary losses or expenses incurred as a result of the Infraction.

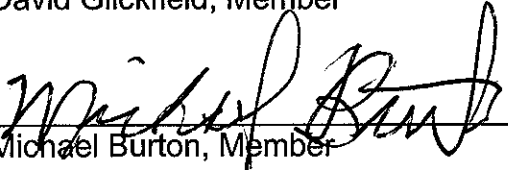
SECTION 7. Those vehicles exempt from this ordinance shall include: medical assistance, law enforcement, fire, emergency management, public utility vehicles, employees of any of the above, those tending to agricultural needs.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon publication pursuant to Indiana Law.


Passed and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, Indiana this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011

  
Mark Bardsley, President

  
David Glickfield, Member

  
Michael Burton, Member

Attest:

  
Roger A. Bainbridge, County Auditor

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that I have taken reasonable care to redact  
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