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ORDINANCE NO. 2008- 33

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING TRAVEL UPON COUNTY ROAD DURING A DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to establish an ordinance to control traffic on county maintained roads during times of severe weather emergencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Putnam County, Indiana that;

WHEREFORE, it is the intent of this Ordinance to alert residents of very poor driving conditions on county maintained roadways due to a declared emergency, that if they are away from home it is recommended they return home, that they should be prepared to stay at their location for an extended period of time and that they should remove or have removed their vehicle from the traveled portion of the roadway if stranded.

Section 1

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Severe Weather Storm Disaster Emergency ordinance of Putnam County, Indiana" and shall apply to roads only maintained by the Putnam County Highway Department.

Section 2

The Board of Commissioners or any member thereof after consultation with the Putnam County Emergency Management Director, may declare a severe weather emergency by executive order, when in its judgement such would be in the best interest of the public safety and welfare of the residents of Putnam County. Such emergency shall continue in effect until the Board or any member thereof or the Board's designate herein determines that an emergency no longer exists, however not to exceed seven (7) days pursuant to IC 10-4-1-23 (a).

Section 3

There shall be three (3) classifications of weather emergencies to control highway use:

- a. Level One (1) Declared Emergency: A State of Emergency has been declared by the County Commissioners. Travel may be restricted to

emergency personnel ONLY! Further restrictions may be included in the declaration.

- b. Level Two (2) Warning: 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 be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations.
- c. Level Three (3) Watch: Routine travel or activities may be restricted in area 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. Level Four (4) Caution: A condition may develop that limits or hinders travel or activities in isolated areas. No travel restrictions have been reported but citizens should be alert to changing conditions.

#### Section 4

Employers will establish communication and work scheduling plans with employees according to company operation procedures.

#### Section 5

Publication and broadcast of the declaration shall be released to the media by the Emergency Management Office and/or EOC Center via E911 and dispatched to all Putnam County public safety agencies.

#### Section 6

Where in this ordinance reference is made to Indiana Code, such references shall be constructed to include any amendments to or transfers of the references code sections, as well as any replacement or successor laws.

#### Section 7

If any part of this ordinance is invalid, part that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If any part of this ordinance is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

#### Section 8

All ordinances or parts thereof that are in conflict with the terms and conditions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Section 9

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage with proper advertisement.

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Gene Beck, President

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James Baird, Member

ATTEST:

Stephanie Campbell  
Stephanie Campbell, Auditor, Putnam County

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"I AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY,  
THAT I HAVE TAKEN REASONABLE CARE TO  
REDACT EACH SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN  
THIS DOCUMENT, UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW."

NAME: Stephanie Campbell

