



April 16, 2018

Gary Leatherman, President  
Noble County Board of Commissioners  
2090 N SR 9, Ste A, Albion, IN 46701  
Via email to Richard Rogers at rrogers@nobleco.us

Re: *Broadband Ready Community Certification for Noble County*

Mr. Leatherman,

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed your application for certification as a Broadband Ready Community. Based upon our review of the application and pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-28-28.5, I am pleased to inform you that the IEDC hereby approves your request and certifies Noble County as a Broadband Ready Community. The certification is effective as of the date of this letter.

Becoming certified as a Broadband Ready Community sends a signal to the telecommunications industry that Noble County has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment by establishing a permit procedure in compliance with Ind. Code § 5-28-28.5-7. Please note that in order to maintain the certification, Noble County has an affirmative duty to notify the IEDC of any changes to the permit procedure or single point of contact in a timely manner.

The IEDC is pleased to support the investment in broadband infrastructure within Noble County by certifying it as a Broadband Ready Community, and we look forward to working with you to ensure success and continued employment growth in your community. Please contact me at [dhsmith@iedc.in.gov](mailto:dhsmith@iedc.in.gov) or 317-232-8833 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hillsdon-Smith".

Devin Hillsdon-Smith  
Director, Interagency Affairs & Redevelopment

**Broadband Ready Community – Noble County**  
Point of Contact for Broadband Infrastructure Projects

**Name:** Richard Rogers

**Title:** Superintendent

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ORDINANCE 2018- 10  
AN ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

Whereas, Noble County seeks to promote private investment in broadband infrastructure, and

Whereas Noble County seeks to be designated as a Broadband Ready Community pursuant to IC 5-28-28.5,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA do hereby adopt this ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY:

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "permit" means any local permit, license, certificate, approval, registration, or similar form of approval required by policy, administrative rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution with respect to a project.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "project" means the construction or deployment of wireline or wireless communications facilities to provide communications services (as defined in IC 8-1-32.5-3) in a unit.

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of county's ordinances or policies, the following shall apply to a project:

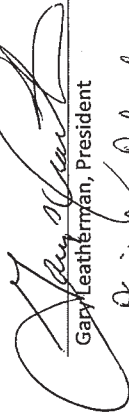
The Board of Commissioners shall:


- (a) appoint a single point of contact for all matters related to a project
- (b) establish procedures to allow all forms, applications, and documentation related to a project to be filed or submitted and signed by electronic means;
- (c) have the appropriate staff review and approve or reject all applications for a permit related to a project within ten (10) business days after an application is filed or submitted;
- (d) assure that after an application is approved pursuant to subsection (a)(3), any inspections, including any additional necessary approvals, related to a project will occur in a timely and expeditious manner.

Sec. 4. The Board of Commissioners shall adopt adequate processes and procedures to implement the provisions of Sec. 3. Processes and procedures established hereunder may not do the following:

- (a) Require an applicant to designate a final contractor to complete a project;
- (b) Impose a fee to review an application or issue a permit for a project issued under this chapter;
- (c) Impose a seasonal moratorium on the issuance of permits for a project;
- (d) Discriminate among communications service providers or utilities with respect to any action described in this section or otherwise related to a project, including granting access to public rights-of-way, infrastructure and poles, river and bridge crossings, and any other physical assets owned or controlled by Noble County.

ADOPTED THIS DAY, the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 by the County Commissioners of Noble County.

  
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Gary Leatherman, President

  
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Dave Dolezal, Vice-President

  
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Dave Abbott, Member

ATTESTED:

  
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Tonya Jones, Auditor