



VIA EMAIL

September 05, 2019

Mark Bacon
President of the Rush County Board of Commissioners
101 East 2nd Street, Room 212 Rushville, IN 46173
Via email to Ron Jarman at rjarman@rushcounty.in.gov

Re: Broadband Ready Community Certification for Rush County

Mr. Bacon,

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 Rush 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 Rush 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, Rush 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 Rush 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 MWasky@iedc.IN.gov or 317-232-8833 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wasky". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Wasky
Vice President & Counsel, Government & Community Affairs

Broadband Ready Community – Rush County
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ORDINANCE 2019-4

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA AS AN INDIANA BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Rush County, Indiana, finds that broadband internet availability in Rush County is of critical importance to all people living, doing business in, and visiting Rush County and Rushville, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Legislature created the availability for Indiana communities to be designated as "Broadband Ready Communities" through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Rush County, Indiana seeks to promote private investment in broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Rush County, Indiana seeks to be designated as a Broadband Ready Community pursuant to IC 5-28-28.5.

THEREFORE, Rush County, Indiana, adopts the following:

1. As used in this Ordinance, "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.
2. As used in this Ordinance, "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.
3. Notwithstanding in other provision of Rush County, Indiana's Ordinances, regulations, policies, or practices, the following shall apply to a project:

The applicable governing body of Rush County, Indiana 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. review and approve or reject all applications, and documentation related to a project within ten (10) business days after an application is filed or submitted;

