

ORDINANCE NO. 6

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTING SPEED ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS IN RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, has determined that, due to increased traffic associated with the closure and detour of portions of State Road 3, certain county roads are experiencing substantial commercial vehicle traffic not ordinarily present; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that County Road 900 South between State Road 3 and County Road 175 West, and County Road 175 West between County Road 900 South and State Road 244, are likely to be utilized as an unofficial/unauthorized detour route by commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the continued use of these county roads by commercial vehicles or at high speed poses a risk to the safety of the traveling public and may cause undue damage to county infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that a temporary prohibition on commercial vehicle traffic and reduced speed limit on all traffic is necessary and reasonable to protect public safety and preserve county roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Temporary Restriction on Commercial Vehicle Traffic and Temporary Speed Limit for all traffic

Commercial vehicle traffic is prohibited entirely and all traffic is limited to a speed limit of 30 MPH for a period of ninety (90) days on the following county-road segments:

1. County Road 900 South, beginning at its intersection with Indiana State Road 3 and extending east to its intersection with County Road 175 West; and
2. County Road 175 West, beginning at its intersection with County Road 900 South and extending north to its intersection with Indiana State Road 244.

For purposes of this Ordinance, "commercial vehicle" shall mean any truck, truck-tractor, semitrailer, trailer, combination of vehicles, or other vehicle used in commerce having a gross vehicle weight rating exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

Section 2. Exceptions

This restriction shall not apply to school buses, emergency vehicles, public utility vehicles engaged in utility services, government-owned vehicles performing official duties, agricultural equipment and agricultural vehicles engaged in farming operations, vehicles making deliveries to or pickups from locations on the restricted roadway segments, and vehicles operating pursuant to a permit issued by Rush County.

Section 3. Violation

A person who operates a commercial vehicle or exceeds the 30 mph speed limit in violation of this Ordinance commits a Class C infraction as provided by Indiana law or the maximum infraction as otherwise permissible under Indiana law if a Class C is deemed improper.

Section 4. Bypassing Barricades Prohibited

A commercial vehicle operator who drives around, removes, relocates, bypasses, or otherwise circumvents any barricade, road-closure device, traffic-control device, or other obstruction erected or maintained to prevent traffic from crossing or attempting to cross the river at a closed roadway, bridge, or crossing commits an additional Class C infraction law or the maximum infraction as otherwise permissible under Indiana law.

Each occurrence shall constitute a separate violation and shall be in addition to any other violation of this Ordinance or Indiana law if a Class C is deemed improper.

Section 5. Posting of Signs

The Rush County Highway Department is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate regulatory signs notifying motorists of the restrictions established by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Duration

This Ordinance shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days from the date hereof, unless sooner repealed, modified, or extended by action of the Board of Commissioners.

Section 7. Severability


If any provision of this Ordinance is found to conflict with state or federal law, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effective Date

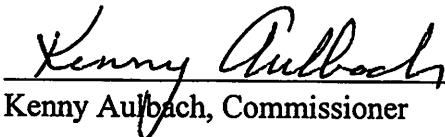
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA



Ronald J. Jarman, President



Kenny Aufbach, Commissioner



Jeff Wilson, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Tammy Justice, Rush County Auditor