

WELLS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2007- 13

An Ordinance Establishing A Stop Sign  
At the Western Approach of CR 350 South to  
The County Home Road

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-9-2-1 et seq. and I.C. 9-4-1-32, as well as several related State statutes, authorize and empower local authorities to establish, maintain, and operate public roads, regulate the use thereof, determine preferential county roads, and place signs to control the traffic thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, desires to change the existing intersection warning sign to a stop ahead sign and add a stop sign to control traffic at the intersection of County Home Road and County Road 350 South in Wells County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has studied the traffic flow and has determined that, according to all guidelines, the existing intersection warning sign on County Road 350 South should be removed and a STOP AHEAD sign should replace it and a STOP sign should be placed on County Road 350 South at that intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, desires to adopt an ordinance to remove the intersection warning sign on County Road 350 South and replace it with a STOP AHEAD sign and place a STOP sign on County Road 350 South at that intersection;

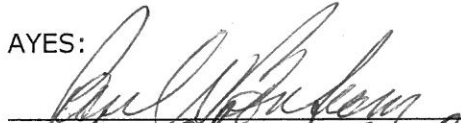
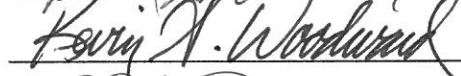
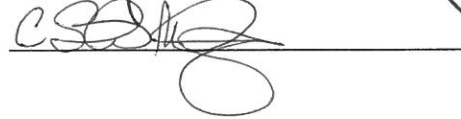
NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana, that:

1. A STOP sign shall be placed at the intersection of County Home Road and County Road 350 South stopping traffic on County Road 350 South.
2. The existing intersection warning sign shall be removed from west of the intersection of County Home Road and County Road 350 South on County Road 350 South and replaced with a STOP AHEAD warning sign.
3. Said intersection shall henceforth be designated as a four-way stop intersection.
4. Motorists shall observe the stop signs in accordance with the direction of the signs posted at the intersection of County Home Road and County Road 350 South.

5. Pursuant to I.C. 9-20-1-4, any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a Class C Infraction.
6. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

ALL AS ORDAINED THIS 17 day of September, 2007.

AYES:

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ABSENT:

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ATTEST:

  
Laura Brubaker Auditor

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102 West Market Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714

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RE: Proposed Signage Changes

Gentlemen:

After a study of the following intersection of the County Home Road and 350 South, the following signage change is recommended.

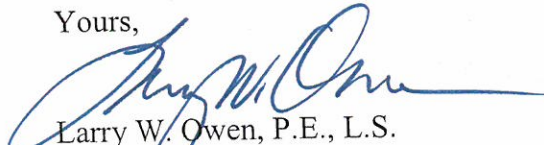
- A STOP sign should be placed at the western approach (on 350 South) of this intersection along with appropriate STOP AHEAD warning sign to replace the existing INTERSECTION warning sign located approximately 500 feet west of the intersection.

The study shows that smaller vehicles stopped at this intersection have difficulty seeing approaching traffic from the west due to a small rise in the pavement profile. I could find no compelling reason for the traffic on the western approach to this intersection to have a preference over the other approaches to the intersection, especially in light of the sight-distance problem.

These changes should be made as soon as the proper ordinances supporting them can be enacted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call upon me if you have any questions. Thanks again!

Yours,

  
Larry W. Owen, P.E., L.S.  
Highway Engineer

cc: Mr. Trent Patterson, Attorney