

MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
120 N. DeKrafft Avenue  
Big Rapids, Michigan 49307

RE: PETITION TO ABANDON A COUNTY ROAD

You have indicated an interest in filing a petition with the Mecosta County Road Commission to abandon a road. Road abandonment is a very technical procedure strictly governed by state statute. You may wish to seek legal counsel.

The process of abandonment covers all roads under the County Road Commission's jurisdiction. It contemplates three situations:

- A. A road with no structures (buildings), all owners signing the petition.
- B. A road with structures, all owners and occupants on the road signing the petition.
- C. A road with or without structures, not all owners or occupants signing the petition.

If yours is the third (C) situation, to support your petition you must obtain the signatures of seven or more property owners living in the township where the road to be abandoned is located.

If the abandonment results in a road becoming dead end, the County Road Commission, as a condition to granting the abandonment, may request that enough land to construct a turn-around area be granted to the Road Commission.

When filing your petition, please note the last paragraph in the petition. This requires you to submit a certified list of all owners of record of land abutting the portion of the road requested to be abandoned. The certified list must state the descriptions of the parcels.

The filing fee is due and payable when you file your petition. It will be reviewed by the Road Commission as soon as possible. If it is found to be deficient, you will be notified promptly. Once your petition is accepted by the Road Commission, you will be notified of a hearing date.

Generally, if the road to be abandoned either touches or terminates at lakes or streams, no abandonment action will be taken by the Road Commission. The Road Commission has no jurisdiction over private roads in plats.

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PETITION TO ABANDON ROAD

We, the undersigned, being property owners, and/or occupants of \_\_\_\_\_  
Township, Mecosta County, Michigan, DO HEREBY PETITION the Mecosta County Road  
Commission to absolutely abandon and discontinue the Road described below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Road, between \_\_\_\_\_  
Road and \_\_\_\_\_ Road, or between \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, for a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ feet,  
located in Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the above Township.

We pay herewith a filing fee of \$500.00 to cover fees, costs and expenses in this matter.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, Post Office Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip Code) (Telephone No.)

Check One of the following as to your status:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owners (Title owner by deed or land contract).

If a Property Owner, check ONE below:

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I am an Owner, and my residence is on the parcel which abuts the road to be  
abandoned.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ I am an Owner, but my residence house does not abut the road to be abandoned.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupant (not owner), residing on property abutting the area of abandonment  
request.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MECOSTA )

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT all of the persons signing the Petition to Abandon signed the Petition.

I FURTHER AFFIRM that attached hereto and made a part of this Petition is a list of all owners of record and a list of land descriptions of the parcels of lands abutting the requested abandonment. The list of owners of record and descriptions were taken from the township tax rolls given to me by and certified by the township assessor, the county treasurer, or from title policies, title search certificates, or recorded instruments in the Register of Deeds Office.

I ALSO ATTACHED a list of family head occupants who occupy abutting parcels, but who are NOT property owners.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MECOSTA )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the said County and State, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Notary Public  
Mecosta County, Michigan  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

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MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
OFFICE USE ONLY

1. NAME/ADDRESS OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. ROAD \_\_\_(DOES) \_\_\_(DOES NOT) TERMINATE AT A PUBLIC BODY OF WATER.
3. STRUCTURES \_\_\_(DO) \_\_\_(DO NOT) LIE ALONG ANY PORTION OF THE ROAD TO BE ABANDONED.
4. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_IN FAVOR \_\_\_\_\_AGAINST
5. DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: \_\_\_\_\_
6. TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_ON FILE
7. FEE OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ PAID: \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, Post Office Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip Code) (Telephone No.)

Check ONE of the following as to the status of signatory:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner (Title owner by deed or land contract).

If a Property Owner, check ONE below:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Owner - residence abutting the abandonment request.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Owner - residence not abutting the abandonment request.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupant (not owner), residing on property abutting the area of abandonment request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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