



February 15, 2018

John R Bowen, Town Council President
Town of Santa Claus
90 N Holiday Blvd, Santa Claus, IN 47579
Via email to john@jrbowen.com

Re: *Broadband Ready Community Certification for Town of Santa Claus*

Mr. Bowen,

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 the Town of Santa Claus 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 the Town of Santa Claus 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, the Town of Santa Claus 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 the Town of Santa Claus 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 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 – Town of Santa Claus
Point of Contact for Broadband Infrastructure Projects

Name: Russ Luthy

Title: Superintendent

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ORDINANCE 2018-01

**AN ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY
COMMUNITY DESIGNATION**

Whereas, Town of Santa Claus seeks to promote private investment in broadband infrastructure,
and

Whereas, the Town of Santa Claus seeks to increase rural broadband adoption, and

Whereas, the Town of Santa Claus seeks to be designated as a Broadband Ready Community
pursuant to I.C. §5-28-28.5,

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana, hereby adopts the
following:

An 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 I.C. §8-1-32.5-
3) in a unit.

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Town of Santa Claus's Ordinance the following
shall apply to a project:

The Town Council 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 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 Town 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;
- (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 Town of Santa Claus.

Sec. 5. Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective after passage by the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana on the 8th day of January, 2018.

SANTA CLAUS TOWN COUNCIL



John Bowen, President



Sherrill Clark



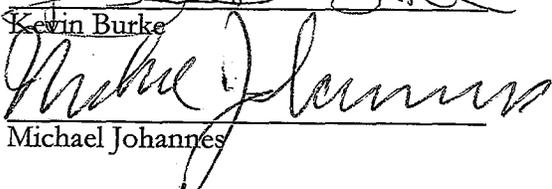
Seth Windell

Attest:


Kelly Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer



Kevin Burke



Michael Johannes