



# BROADBAND READY COMMUNITIES

## DESCRIPTION

The IEDC will assist in encouraging broadband development throughout Indiana by certifying communities as broadband ready.

The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment.

While investment in broadband infrastructure is not guaranteed to follow once a community obtains the certification, reducing the regulatory hurdles that deter investment is a key step towards creating an environment ripe for broadband investment.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Any community in Indiana pursuing improved broadband access is eligible for the Broadband Ready Community certification and may apply through the IEDC.

The IEDC will certify a unit as a Broadband Ready Community if it meets the following requirements:

- Fill out the online application form, accessed via the [Broadband Center website](#).
- Upload via the online application form any supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with the eight (8) statutory requirements under [IC 5-28-28.5-7](#).

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## MINIMUM STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In order to comply with statutory requirements, a unit seeking the Broadband Ready Community certification must institute procedures that provide for:

- (1) The appointment of a single point of contact for all matters related to broadband development projects
- (2) The establishment of procedures to allow for the electronic submission of all forms, applications, and documentation required for a broadband development project
- (3) A requirement that all permit applications are approved or denied within 10 business days after they are filed
- (4) An assurance that all inspections related to a broadband project will be completed in a timely and expeditious manner

These procedures must also prohibit the unit from:

- (5) Requiring the designation of a final contractor to complete a broadband project
- (6) Imposing a fee to review an application or to issue a permit on a broadband project
- (7) Imposing a seasonal moratorium on the issuance of permits for a project
- (8) Discriminating among communications service providers

## MODEL ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION

One way a unit can comply with the requirements of state law is to pass a resolution or ordinance establishing permit procedures.

The IEDC, in collaboration with the telecommunications industry and local government representatives, has created a model ordinance to assist communities in this effort. The model ordinance, found on the [Broadband Center website](#), satisfies the minimum requirements under [IC 5-28-28.5-7](#).