



December 20, 2016

## **Petition to Abandon a County Road**

You have indicated an interest in asking the Leelanau 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 Road Commission's jurisdiction. The first step in the process is a petition to the Road Commission. Your petition must adequately describe the road (or portion thereof) in question. You must obtain the signatures of seven or more freeholders (a person who owns property) of the township in which the road is sought to be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

When filing your petition your attention is specifically called to the last paragraph in the petition requiring you to submit a certified list of all owners of record and occupants (including land descriptions of the parcels owned) of the lands abutting the portion of the road requested to be abandoned.

The Road Commission will review your petition for completeness. If it is found to be deficient in any respect, you will be promptly notified. Once the Road Commission accepts your petition, you will be notified of a hearing date.

You are further notified that if abandonment results in a dead end road, the County Road Commission, as a condition to granting the abandonment, may request that you convey enough land to construct a turn-around area.

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