

# BERRIEN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**TITLE:       DEAD ANIMAL POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**    To inform employees of the policy for the removal of dead animals on roads, shoulders or in the right of way of roads under the jurisdiction of the Berrien County Road Commission.

**POLICY:**        A dead deer that is in the traveled portion of a roadway or on the shoulder of a roadway under the jurisdiction of the Berrien County Road Commission shall be removed from the roadway and shoulder area for a distance of at least ten (10) feet from the edge of pavement or travelled portion of the roadway. Any dead deer outside of the shoulder area may be left in place or removed at the discretion of the supervisor. Any dead deer located in a subdivision will be removed by Road Commission personnel.

          If a large animal, such as a horse or cow, is found dead in the traveled portion of the roadway the Road Commission personnel should contact a 911 dispatcher. The owner of the deceased animal is responsible for roadway removal. If no owner can be located in a timely manner, a loader should be used to push the animal a safe distance off of the roadway.

          Any dead animals smaller than a deer (such as raccoons, squirrels, cats, etc.) will be left in place.