

Delta County Road Commission

ROAD KILLED DEER / LARGE ANIMAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy #18

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I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform procedure for the removal of dead animals that pose a safety hazard within the traveled portion of a county-maintained road.

II. Management Responsibilities:

- Management will advise the public of policy and procedure for the removal of dead animals.
- Management will advise law enforcement & local officials of policy to ensure consistency with the public.
- Each Supervisor shall effectively enforce compliance of this policy.

III. Employee Responsibilities:

- Employees shall comply with this policy & consult with their supervisor or management personnel whenever there is a question regarding this or any policy.

IV. Policy

- The Delta County Road Commission will only remove dead animals from the roadway (traveled portion of the road) when they present a safety hazard to traffic.
 - Any dead animals that are a safety hazard will be dragged off the traveled portion of the road.
 - In higher populated areas, dead animals will be removed from the traveled roadway.
- In no case will the Road Commission be responsible for dead animals placed in the traveled portion of the road by adjacent property owners.
- Animals that die and are not a safety hazard and do not interfere with maintenance activities will be left where they lie (including ditches along the roadway).

If a member of the public has concerns about how to remove a dead animal from their property that is not in the traveled portion of the road they can direct their questions to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

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