

# La Porte County Property Transfer Ordinance

## Ordinance No. 2016-02 Of The Board of Commissioners Of LaPorte County, Indiana

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of La Porte County recognized the need to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of La Porte County by ensuring appropriate information is provided to prospective buyers concerning the quality of the drinking water and the status of the septic system prior to the acquisition of properties.

### Section 1: Definitions:

- A. **Authorized Agent:** Any person who collects a fee or other compensation to represent a seller during a transfer of ownership of a property, including, but not limited to any real estate company, Title Company, law firm, or their authorized employee or agent.
- B. **Buyer:** A person who has made a written offer to purchase property.
- C. **Closing:** The act of transferring ownership of a property from one person to another involving the signing of final documents for the transfer.
- D. **Effluent or Wastewater:** Any human excrement or water-carried waste derived from ordinary living processes.
- E. **Groundwater:** Any water below the surface of the ground within the interstices of the rock and soil. This includes water in both the unsaturated near-surface soils and the underlying saturated soils and rock.
- F. **Health Department:** The LaPorte County Health Department.
- G. **Health Officer:** The LaPorte County Health Department Health Officer or his/her duly authorized representative.
- H. **Person:** Any individual, trust, joint stock company, federal agency, corporation (including a government corporation), limited liability company, partnership, copartnership, company, estate, municipal corporation, city, school city, town, school town, school district, school corporation, county, state agency, association, state, commission, political subdivision of a state, any interstate entity or legal representative.

