## **ARAGO TOWNSHIP**

## SNOWPLOWING POLICY

The Township of Arago believes that it is the best interest of the residents for the Township to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on Township roads. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The Township will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget and environmental concerns. The Township will use private contractors to provide this service.

The Township private contractor will decide when to start snow or ice control operations. (this may include input from Township Supervisors). The criteria for that decision are:

- Snow accumulation of 3 inches or more;
- Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- Icy conditions that seriously affect travel; and
- Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of roads.

Snow and ice operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfall of less than 3 inches. Snow will be plowed in a manner so as to minimize any traffic obstruction. In times of extreme snowfall, streets will not always immediately be able to be completely cleared of snow. Adequate visibility, severe cold, endangering employees and equipment and obtaining reasonable results are factors that may delay snow and ice operations.

Policy adopted on \_\_\_\_ Supervisor/Chairperson Superviso Superviso ATTEST: