I am in favor of something with some teeth in it. I also think that you need to give some time for this to happen. Money is tight. Crews are somewhat limited. Demand drives up costs.

But what about the county's responsibility for roadsides? Would it be hypocrisy to pass an ordinance that the county cannot itself meet the standards of? Elkhorn Road in Yorkville is a county road. Many property owners have done a lot of clearing but we don't have a safe way to get out if the fires is here because the road is so poorly maintained. Please make provisions for this kind of thing as well.

And while you're at it, please include buildings that are a terrible fire hazard in town. There is one that the owner flat out refuses to deal with in Boonville. And ordinance requiring it would be a blessing for everyone. If it catches fire it will likely take out a whole neighborhood.

Thanks for your work.

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