ordinance no. <u>698</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 511, AS AMENDED, BEING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC AND ESTABLISHING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, did adopt Ordinance No. 511, the same being an ordinance regulating traffic and establishing fines and penalties for violations of traffic regulations in the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, did amend said ordinance by Ordinance No. 599; and

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, did further amend said ordinance by Ordinance No. 650 and 668; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend such ordinance, as amended, and any subsequent ordinances in conflict therewith; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of St. John to amend Ordinance No. 511, as amended, to provide for prohibitions for parking in marked "handicapped" areas, and further to change the amount of traffic fines, increasing the same accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town of St. John Ordinance No. 511, as amended, and more specifically ARTICLE IX designated "STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES" thereof, shall include the following additional section, to-wit:

Parking In Posted Handicapped Areas. 4. No person shall park a vehicle within an area designated "Handicapped" or within an area marked or bearing the official international wheelchair symbol, or a reasonable facsimile of that symbol, unless such person is a "handicapped person" having been issued a handicapped registration plate or decal by the State of Indiana, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town of St. John Ordinance No. 511, as amended, and specifically ARTICLE XV designated "PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE ON ARREST" thereof, shall read and state as follows, to-wit:

Disposition Of Traffic Fines And Forfeitures.
7. In accordance with I.C. 9-4-1-135 and
I.C. 34-4-32-1 any person, firm or corporation violating and found liable by plea of any portion of this traffic code of the Town of St.

John which regulates the use, standing or parking of vehicles upon streets, alleys, or other public places, may, in lieu of being charged for such violation in court, pay to the clerk/treasurer of the Town of St. John, a penalty of \$35.00 for a moving violation, a penalty of \$10.00 for a non-specific parking

violation, a penalty of \$25.00 for parking in a fire lane, and a penalty of \$25.00 for parking in a handicapped area or zone. Said payment shall be deposited in the general fund of said Town. Such penalties shall be paid within seven (7) days of the date of the violation. Upon failure to pay any penalty herein prescribed in accordance with the provisions hereof, such violator shall be charged forthwith in a court pursuant to Indiana Law. All moving violations of the ordinance shall be certified pursuant to Indiana Law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance; that there being unanimous consent of the members of the board of trustees present; and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for the passage of ordinances on the same day as introduced, this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the board of trustees, the affixing of their signatures thereto, and upon the proper posting by the Clerk/Treasurer in each district within the Town of St. John in a public place.

Passed by the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this // day of January, 1987.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ATTEST:

Cler#/Treasurer