

ORDINANCE NO. 699

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR PHOTOCOPYING PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has recognized that it is in the best interest of the Town to establish fees for the photocopying of public records of the Town of St. John for the public pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-14-3-1 establishes that it is the public policy of the State of Indiana that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees, with certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-14-3-8 provides for the establishment by a municipality of fees for the copying of the records of the municipality to be disclosed aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, finds it appropriate to accordingly establish fees, acknowledging that no fee can be charged to search for, examine, or review a record to determine whether the record may be disclosed, and with due regard that the charge or fee may not exceed the actual cost of copying the record by the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that there is hereby established a fee of 50¢ 1st 5 pages per page for the photocopying of public records for the ~~public~~ ^{those} who request the same pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-1 et seq. 10¢ thereafter

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the foregoing per page fee does not exceed the actual cost of copying the records, all matters considered; and that no fee shall be charged to inspect a public record or to search for, examine, or review a record to determine whether the record may be disclosed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk/Treasurer shall be hereby authorized to charge said fee and to obtain the same in advance; and

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 immediately upon its passage and adoption by the board of trustees, the affixing of their signatures thereto, and the posting of this ordinance in one public place in each district within the Town.

Passed and adopted by the board of trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 12th day of January, 1987.

Jerry C. Math
Patrick B. Bielecki
Walter E. Patterson

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

ATTEST:

Betty R. Fiedelmann
Clerk/Treasurer

50¢ per page for first 5 pages of each document and 10¢ per page thereafter