ORDINANCE NO. 222

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.'s 650, 668, and 698; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend such ordinance, due to the adoption by the State of Indiana of a system of uniform court costs to be assessed for violations of statutes and ordinances throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code I.C. 33-19-5-2, the Clerk of the Court is required to assess court costs in the amount of \$50.00 for any ordinance violation; and further, the Clerk is required to assess a Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fee in the amount of \$3.00 also pursuant to statute; and

WHEREAS, the St. John Clerk-Treasurer has been designated by the Lake County Court as a Traffic Violations Bureau under the supervision of the Clerk of the Lake County Court for the receipt of fines and costs for ordinance violations accordingly; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests in the Town of St. John to amend Ordinance No. 511, to provide for the foregoing changes in Ordinance No. 511, as amended, and more specifically ARTICLE XV designated "PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE ON ARREST" thereof, and more particularly, Subsection 7. "Disposition Of Traffic Fines And Forfeitures" 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 XV designated "PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE ON ARREST" thereof, and more particularly, Subsection 7. designated "Disposition Of Traffic Fines And Forfeitures", shall read and state as follows:

Disposition Of Traffic Fines And Forfeitures. 7. In accordance with I.C. 9-4-1-125 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. Further, in addition to the fines and penalties aforesaid, court costs shall be assessed in the amount of \$50.00 and a law enforcement continuing education fee in the amount of \$3.00 shall likewise be assessed; the fine, court costs, and law enforcement fee shall be payable to the clerk/treasurer of St. John, Indiana, as a designated Violations Bureau of the Lake County Court. Upon receipt of payment the clerk/treasurer shall forward the court costs and the law enforcement continuing education fee to the clerk of the Lake County Court for distribution in accordance with Indiana statutes.

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 posting by the Clerk/Treasurer in each district within the Town of St. John in a public place pursuant to law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 22 nd day of December, 1987.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TOWN OF

ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ATTEST: