ORDINANCE NO. 729

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MAILBOXES AND/OR RELATED RECEPTACLES FOR NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MATERIALS ON POSTS AND IN CUL-DE-SACS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, due to the configuration of the Town and proper planning pursuant to the Master Plan of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, there exist numerous cul-de-sacs located within the Town limits of the Town of St. John proper; and

WHEREAS, those homeowners who own lots abutting on said cul-de-sacs have placed posts upon which they have affixed their U.S. Postal service mailboxes and other receptacles for newspapers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town of St. John, Board of Trustees, that during the winter months, and during the snow season, it is virtually impossible for the Town to plow close enough to said mailboxes and to remove the snow to enable the U.S. Postal Department to deliver the mail.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the placement of U.S. Postal Service mailboxes on any fixed posts or "post-like device" or similar device for the receiving of newspapers, mail, or other such articles on cul-de-sacs within the Town limits of the Town of St. John is hereby prohibited;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any such U.S. Postal Service mailboxes for the receipt of United States mail or other similar receptacles for receiving newspapers, and other similar articles, shall be placed collectively at the entrance of any such cul-de-sac on either side of the street;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town of St. John building inspector is hereby designated the enforcement officer for this ordinance and whose responsibility it shall be to make certain that its terms are carried out and enforced; BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit no less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and the costs of prosecution for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues so constitutes a separate offense;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective as stated below, but all existing U.S. Mail service mailboxes in violation of this ordinance shall be allowed a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this ordinance to come into compliance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be severable and the invalidity thereof shall not effect the remaining part of this ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and therefore, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage upon proper posting by the Clerk/Treasurer.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana this <u>14</u> day of <u>MAACH</u>, 1988.

David M. Bielski, President

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

ATTEST: Siedelmann Clerk/Treasurer

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