ordinance no. 876

BEING AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, FROM THREE MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Town legislative body of the Town of St. John, has previously established pursuant to Indiana Statute, a Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, consisting of three (3) members; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-8-9-3 provides that the town legislative body, after the initial appointment of three (3) commissioners, may by ordinance increase the size of the board by providing for the appointment of two (2) additional commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Statute further provides that the commissioners must be of good moral character and legal residents of the Town of St. John, and the additional commissioners may not be members of the same political party; and

WHEREAS, the present members of the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, have determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of St. John and for the efficient operation and the overseeing of the Police Department, that the number of police commissioners be increased to five (5), the same being the maximum permissible pursuant to the Statute cited aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John of Lake County, Indiana, that the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners currently in existence in the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, shall be increased from three (3) members to five (5) members; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the additional commissioners must be of good moral character and legal residents of the Town, and that each additional commissioner may not be a member of the same political party; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that one (1) commissioner shall be appointed and serve for a period of one (1) year, and the other shall serve for a period of two (2) years from the date of the initial appointment, and at the expiration of each commissioner's term, unless the same is terminated for cause, pursuant to Statute, prior to such expiration, a replacement commissioner (or reappointment) shall be appointed to serve a three (3) year term; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

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 upon passage and adoption and posting as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3 day of _____

Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, Town Council

DAVID M. BIELSKI Aresident

KENNETH D. GEMBALA, Vice-President

PATTERSON, Member

ATTEST:

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