

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1025

BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM FOR THE ST. JOHN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised that the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners ("Police Commission") and the Chief of Police have reviewed the current manpower allocation for the Town Police Department, and have further investigated the legal means or methods by which greater protection can be afforded the residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised by the Police Commission and the Chief of Police that additional sworn personnel should be considered to be added to the Police Department in order to provide for greater protection for the residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised by the Police Commission and the Chief of Police that applicable State Statutes permit the Town to establish a Reserve Police Officer Program, with certain specified limits and parameters pursuant to I.C. 36-8-3-20 and 5-2-1-9; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commission has, at its regularly scheduled Public Meeting held on September 12, 1996, resolved by formal motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, to recommend the establishment of the Reserve Police Officer Program, and has recommended the same to the Town Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has reviewed the recommendations of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police, and has been advised that the provisions of I.C. 36-8-3-20 and 5-2-1-9 permit the Town to establish, by Ordinance, a Reserve Police Officer Program for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined, upon its receipt and review of the recommendations of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police, as well as its review of applicable State Law, that it is appropriate, advisable, necessary, and in the best interest of the residents of the Town to establish a Reserve Police Officer Program for the Town Police Department as the same is in the best interests of the residents of the Town, and will promote the public health, morals, comfort, convenience, and general welfare and well-being of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana as follows, to-wit:

I. There is hereby established for the Town of St. John Police Department a Reserve Police Officer Program pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of I.C. 36-8-3-20 and 5-2-1-9, as amended from time to time.

II. Purpose. The Reserve Police Officer Program is specifically established in order to assist and augment the regular sworn Police personnel in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Police Department. The program is established as a result of the ever-increasing demand placed upon the Police Department for the wide range of services requested in the Town, and in order to aid the Department in continuing to provide the best protective services to the residents of the Town. The Reserve Police Officer Unit shall supplement the full-time sworn police officers in the fulfillment of the duties of the Department, and will act to assist the Police Department in serving the residents of the Town and promoting the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general well-being and welfare.

III. Number of Positions Established. The number of positions established in the Reserve Police Officer Program for the Town Police Department is a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10).

IV. Appointment Procedures. Reserve Police Officers shall be appointed by the Police Commission consistent with the provisions of I.C. 36-8-9-4, as amended from time to time, subject to the approval of the Town Council, and in accordance with all State and Police Department Regulations. Any Reserve Police Officers so appointed shall govern themselves by the rules, regulations, and operating procedures adopted by the Police Department and the Police Commission. Additionally, all Reserve Police Officers shall be selected and appointed as prescribed by, and consistent with, the rules and regulations of the Department for the hiring of full-time sworn Police personnel, namely:

- A. Be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age.
- B. Be a citizen of the United States.
- C. Have no felony convictions.
- D. Possess a valid Indiana driver's license.
- E. Be a high school graduate, or possess a GED Certificate.
- F. Complete a department-supplied Application with all necessary signatures and supporting materials.
- G. Successfully complete the following selection procedures:

1. Attend a Department Orientation Program.
2. The Department's physical agilities test.
3. The Department's written examination.
4. Background investigation.
5. Oral interview.

V. Training Requirements. Reserve Police Officer candidates must successfully complete the following training requirements and specifically comply with all requirements of I.C. 5-2-1-9, as applicable, namely:

- A. Pre-Basic Academy Course, as prescribed and certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board.
- B. The Field Training and Evaluation Program, as prescribed by the Department.
- C. Sixteen (16) hours of annual training.

All necessary and required training expenses shall be paid by the Police Department through its membership in the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy. The successful completion of the described training requirements are a condition precedent to being permitted to engage in Reserve Police Officer duties and responsibilities as described herein.

VI. Uniforms. Necessary uniforms and equipment shall be provided by the Department to the Reserve Police Officer. All uniforms shall conform to the necessary and required Department standards. Reserve Police Officers shall be provided with the proper Police Department Insignia and Badge, which, however, shall remain the property of the Police Department.

VII. Insurance. The personnel of the Reserve Police Officer Program shall be covered under the Liability Insurance of the Town, and will further be provided Workman's Compensation coverage pursuant to I.C. 5-2-1-9 or as may be allowed by law.

VIII. Appointment and Discharge. Appointments of Reserve Police Officers shall be made consistent with and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance as hereinabove described, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police to the Police Commission. All Reserve Police Officers shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months. Reserve Police Officers may be discharged at any time, for any cause, by the Chief of Police. All Police Department insignia, identification, and property, is required to be returned by the Reserve Police Officer to the Department immediately upon

discharge.

IX. Work Schedule. Reserve Police Officers shall be required to serve a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of service a month. Since the purpose of the Reserve Police Officer Program is to supplement and assist the regular sworn Police personnel of the Department, this schedule of sixteen (16) hours is to be considered a minimum. It is understood that working a minimum of two (2) shifts a month, or a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per month, will serve the needs of the Department in providing Police protection to the residents of the Town, and not place any undue strain upon the Reserve Police Officers.

X. Authority. Reserve Police Officers, upon completion of their initial training, may be granted full authority to act in the capacity of a sworn Police Officer for the Town of St. John. The authority granted to and provided a Reserve Police Officer may be granted by and limited as necessary by the Chief of Police, as permitted by applicable State Law. Reserve Police Officers shall not be permitted to engage in off-duty security work until completion of all required departmental training, and thereafter, may be eligible for such off-duty employment at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

XI. Compensation. Reserve Police Officers shall not be compensated for their volunteer service to the Town Police Department including, but not limited to, any pension program provided for the regular members of the Department, or any other form of compensation, except as stated herein.

XII. Rules and Regulations. All Rules and Regulations of the St. John Police Department shall apply to all Reserve Police Officers when not in conflict with this Ordinance. When in conflict, this Ordinance shall specifically apply.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all existing ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal affect, and are specifically repealed.

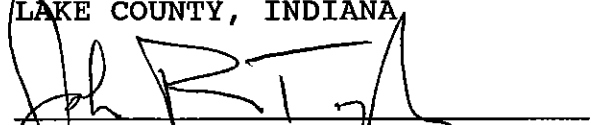
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Council declares an emergency and that this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of St.

John, Lake County, Indiana, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
1996.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF ST. JOHN,  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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DOUGLAS E. PATTERSON

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JUDITH E. COMPANEK  
Clerk-Treasurer