

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1166

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ST. JOHN INDIANA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the matter of orderly development in the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, is a major concern of the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, believes that more effort should be devoted by the Town of St. John and the Town Council to foster the orderly economic development of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has jurisdiction over the "comprehensive plan" of the Town of St. John; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board has certain statutory duties and responsibilities with regard to the creation, location, and maintenance of the park system within the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, believes that a separate committee designated "The St. John Indiana Planning and Development Advisory Committee" should be established to aid and assist the Town Council and its various Boards and Commissions as aforesaid to develop an overall plan for the development of the Town of St. John which will help manage growth and provide guidelines for future land use planning decisions among other things; that it is the intent of the Town Council that the St. John Indiana Planning and Development Advisory Committee be created and the responsibilities, the number of members, the terms of those members, and other matters pertaining thereto should be as set forth herein.

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

SECTION ONE: There is hereby created and established a Town of St. John Indiana Planning and Development Advisory Committee, which Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the St. John Town Council.

SECTION TWO: The general responsibilities of the Committee shall be to establish a broad overview of the development of the Town, particularly as it relates to zoning and land use, commercial

and industrial development, types of businesses to recruit, types of housing developments, and recreational facilities, and then make recommendations to the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions and the Town Council to enable those official bodies to exercise their authority as it relates to those recommendations.

SECTION THREE: The specific responsibilities of the Committee shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- A. The Committee shall recommend plans and ideas for the most effective use of land pertaining to the mix of business, residential, and recreational.
- B. The Committee shall recommend goals and policies for the Town to utilize in evaluating and inviting future development proposals, taking into consideration certain factors such as existing zoning and recommended zoning, compatibility with surrounding areas, suggested revisions to the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinances and potential impact on Town infrastructure including traffic and public services.
- C. The Committee shall review and evaluate road-widening and repair projects undertaken by the Indiana Department of Transportation in the Town.
- D. The Committee shall work with the Park Board and Departments in Town to determine the feasibility of establishing a system of Town-wide bicycle and walking paths and the use of federal grant funds to defray the cost of the same.
- E. The Committee shall study and prioritize areas for annexation to the Town and the rationale for each particular annexation considered.

SECTION FOUR: The Committee shall coordinate and cooperate with the St. John Chamber of Commerce in its planning and development efforts.

SECTION FIVE: The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of five (5) members. The Committee shall elect, from its members, a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, and may employ a recording secretary. Nominations for appointment to the Committee shall be made to the St. John Town Council. Appointments also shall be made by the St. John Town Council. The full term for a Committee member shall be three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered. New terms for Committee members will begin on January 1 and expire on December 31, three (3) years later. To assure continuity of representation, the first terms shall be staggered and some, therefore, shall be shorter. The membership and initial

terms shall be as follows:

Member

1. Three (3) years
2. Three (3) years
3. Two (2) years
4. Two (2) years
5. One (1) year

SECTION SIX: The members of the Committee shall establish such rules and regulations as they deem reasonable and necessary for the conduct of their business.

SECTION SEVEN: The Committee shall follow the provisions of the Indiana Open Door law as well as the Access to Public Information and Records law and shall publish minutes of its meetings.

SECTION EIGHT: The members of the Committee shall not receive compensation for such service, but shall be reimbursed for authorized reasonable expenses actually incurred or paid, subject to the existence of lawfully budgeted and appropriated funds and in compliance with Indiana State Board of Accounts procedures.

SECTION NINE: All existing Boards, Commissions, and Departments shall continue to exist and operate in the same capacity and with the same statutory authority as presently exists. It is not intended by this ordinance that the Planning and Development Advisory Committee usurp the authority of or replace any of the existing Town Boards, Commissions, or Departments.

SECTION TEN: All existing ordinances and regulations, 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.


SECTION ELEVEN: 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.

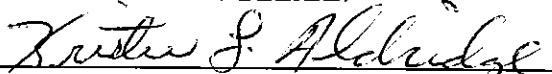
SECTION TWELVE: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana.


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

John, Lake County, Indiana, this 10th day of April, 2000.

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


KATHLEEN J. WILLMAN


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ATTEST:


JUDITH L. COMPANIK
Clerk-Treasurer