

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1197

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, declares that the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing a political sign ordinance for the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, intends this ordinance to establish the political sign ordinance for the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, intends this ordinance to control over any and all other ordinances with regard to political signs in the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana.

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

Section One. That the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana hereby adopts this political sign ordinance.

Section Two. That the enforcement of this ordinance can be by the St. John Building Commissioner, the Zoning Administrator, their designated agent, or the St. John Police Department (its officers).

Section Three. That all existing ordinances, rules, regulations, guidelines, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

Section Four. That if any section, clause, provision, or portion thereof, 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 Five. That political signs shall be permitted to be placed on premises hereinafter described thirty (30) days prior to a primary or general election and shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after such primary or general election. Political banners are subject to the same time limitations as political signs.

Section Six. That political campaign signs announcing the candidates seeking public offices and other data pertinent thereto, up to a total area of eight (8) square feet for each premises, will

not be required to obtain a permit. All signs, larger than eight (8) square feet will be required to obtain a permit. Signs of this nature shall not exceed either sixteen (16) square feet in size, nor eight (8) feet in height. No signs shall be attached to utility poles, trees, or any public or private sign standards.

Section Seven. That political signs shall be allowed in commercial areas and/or private areas, but only with the permission of the owner of the premises. Signs shall be permitted in parkways, likewise only with the permission of the owner of the premises. Political signs shall not be permitted in Town parks and shall not be placed on Town-owned property except for election day on the premises at which an election is being held at which time political signs shall be allowed only on election day and shall be removed at the end of election day. Political signs shall not be allowed on "islands" throughout the Town.

Section Eight. That removal of political signs shall be the responsibility of the candidate(s) advertised. Failure to remove the sign, pursuant to the terms of this ordinance, shall result in a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each day of violation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately following its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 22nd day of March, 2001.

Aye 4

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