

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1250

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 511, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC, AND ESTABLISHING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA; AND MORE PARTICULARLY, ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF TRAFFIC REGULATION AT WORKSITES.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, on the 9th day of April, 1979, passed and adopted Ordinance No. 511, the same being an ordinance regulating traffic, and establishing fines and penalties for violations of traffic regulations in the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing ordinance has been amended on numerous occasions in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of St. John; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing ordinance does contain provisions providing for obedience to official traffic-control devices and signs as well as requiring obedience to lawful orders of the Chief of Police, including traffic-control devices or flagmen utilized at worksites; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised by the St. John Police Department and the St. John Department of Public Works that further attention to traffic-control devices at worksites is recommended as well as addressing the issue of doubling the fines for violation of traffic-control devices at worksites; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that it should clearly be established that at the lawful order or direction of the Chief of Police of the Town of St. John, or the Director of Public Works of the Public Works Department, official traffic-control devices or signs shall be placed at either of their directions at worksites on any public highway or street in the Town of St. John for traffic control, and that no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions or terms of any such official traffic-control device or sign therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that it is necessary and appropriate and in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of St. John to double the traffic fines incurred in Ordinance No. 511 for violating traffic-control devices or signs at worksites; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, now finds that Ordinance No. 511 should be amended and that signs should be placed at worksites throughout the Town at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Public Works Director addressing traffic and speed limits at said worksites and that the fines should be doubled as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana that Ordinance No. 511 shall be amended as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 13-44     Obedience to official traffic-control devices at designated worksites.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of the Chief of Police, or Police Officer, at a designated worksite on any public highway or street in the Town of St. John.

B. No driver of a motor vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic-control device or sign placed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and as determined by the Chief of Police and/or the Director of Public Works.

C. When traffic-control devices or signs are placed at worksites on any public highway or street in the Town of St. John, all motorists shall exercise extraordinary care to secure the mutual safety of all persons and motorists at the worksite.

Sec. 13-44 Double fines for violation of traffic-control devices and signs at worksites.

Notwithstanding anything in Ordinance No. 511 to the contrary, or specifically in Ordinance No. 599, 722, 745, 1012, and 1052, the fines set forth in Sec. 13-2 of Ordinance No. 511, as amended, shall be doubled for any traffic violations at designated worksites.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 511, as amended, when not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Aye 5 Nay 0

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