TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1303

BEING AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1285, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, did pass an "ethics" ordinance establishing rules of conduct for all Town officials, public servants, and independent contractors acting on behalf of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been required to amend said ordinance in several respects due to said ordinance containing illegal paragraphs beyond the authority of the Town Council by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, now finds that said ordinance has caused considerable turmoil and uncertainty among members of the various Boards and Commissions within the Town, and has been unwieldy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, does now find that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that the ethics ordinance be repealed; and that this topic be further studied thoroughly before reconsideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that Ordinance No. 1285 shall be hereby repealed and held for naught.

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with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal affect, and are specifically repealed.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 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 21 day of _______, 2003.

Aye <u>3</u> Nay <u>2</u>

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

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