TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1342

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1025, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM FOR THE ST. JOHN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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, did adopt Ordinance No. 1025 on November 26, 1996 that authorized 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 March 9, 2004, resolved by formal motion, to recommend to the Town Council the maximum number of Reserve Police Officers be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that it is appropriate, advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town to increase the number of Reserve Police Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana that Ordinance No. 1025 be amended as follows:

Section III. Number of Positions Established

That the number of positions established in the Reserve Police Officer Program for the Town Police Department is a maximum of twenty (20).

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with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal affect, and are specifically repealed.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 ORAINED that an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance therefore, this ordinance is hereby passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, and shall become effective this ______ day of March, 2004.

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