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

## **ORDINANCE #1450**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN ORDINANCE NO.: 511, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, 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 REPEALING ALL TOWN CODE SECTIONS AND ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, did originally pass and adopt Town Ordinance No.: 511, as amended from time to time, 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 Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised by the Chief of the Police Department that it is again necessary to amend Town Ordinance No.: 511 to the increase the fine amount required to be assessed for violations of State statute and Ordinance throughout the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, in the amount of Seventy and 50/100 Dollars (\$70.50); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, having reviewed the recommendation of the Chief of Police, now concurs that it is advisable, appropriate, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of St. John to increase traffic fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA:

That Ordinance No.: 511 Section 13-2 shall be amended as indicated herein as follows, to wit:

**SECTION ONE:** That Article 1 of Town Ordinance No.: 511 is hereby replaced to read and provide as follows, namely:

"SEC. 13-2. In accordance with I.C. 9-13-2-127 and I.C. 34-6-2-85, as the same are amended from time to time, any person, firm or corporation violating and found liable by plea of any portion of this Traffic Code of the Town of St. John which regulates the use, standing or parking of vehicles upon streets, alleys, or other public places, may, in lieu of being charged for such violation in Court, pay to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of St. John, a penalty of Seventy and 50/100 Dollars (\$70.50) for a moving violation, a penalty of Twenty and 00/100 Dollars (\$20.00) for a non-specific parking violation, a penalty of One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) for parking in a fire lane, and/or a penalty of One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) for parking in a handicapped area or zone. Said payment shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Town. Such penalties shall be paid within seven (7) days of the date of the violation. Upon failure to pay any penalty herein prescribed in accordance with the provisions hereof, such violator shall be charged forthwith in a Court pursuant to Indiana law. All moving violations of the Ordinance shall be certified pursuant to Indiana law. Further, in addition to the fines and penalties aforesaid, Court costs shall be assessed in the amount of One Hundred Six and 50/100 Dollars (\$106.50) and a law enforcement continuing education fee in the amount of Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$3.00) shall likewise be assessed for all moving violations only.

The fine, Court costs, and law enforcement continuing education fee shall be payable the Clerk-Treasurer of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, as a designated violations bureau of the Lake County Court. Upon receipt of payment, the Town's Clerk-Treasurer shall forward the Court costs and the law enforcement continuing education fee to the Clerk of the Lake County Court for distribution in accordance with applicable Indiana statutes."

**SECTION TWO:** That all existing Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

**SECTION THREE:** 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 decisions shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion or this Ordinance.

**SECTION FOUR:** 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, and publication in conformance with applicable law.

ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24 DAY OF MAY, 2007, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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

Jerri A Teitel, Vice-President

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ATTEST,

Sherry P Sury, Clerk-Treasurer