TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO.: 1488

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 15-5, ENTITLED, "FEE SCHEDULE," REPEALING ALL TOWN CODE SECTIONS AND ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been informed and advised by the Park and Recreation Board of the Town of St. John Department of Parks and Recreation that Town Code Section 15-5 requires updating by amendment to increase the rental fees for the use of pavilions in Town parks and Town civic parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has reviewed the matters pertaining to the same, as well as the recommendation of the Park and Recreation the Board regarding these matters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, having reviewed the matters herein and the recommendation of the Town Park and Recreation Board, now deems it appropriate, advisable and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of St. John that Town Code Section 15-5 be amended to increase the rental fees for the use of the pavilions in Town parks and Town civic parks.

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

SECTION ONE: That Subsection (c) of Town Code Section 15-5, entitled "Fee Schedule", of Chapter 15, entitled "PARKS AND RECREATION, of the St. John Town Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

Sec. 15-5. Fee Schedule.

"(c) Park Fees and Civic Park Fees. The rental fee for use of a pavilion for each day shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for non-profit organizations and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for all other persons and entities; that a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) security deposit shall be paid at the time the pavilion is reserved in addition to the rental fee; and in the event that the pavilion and surrounding area are cleaned satisfactorily, then the deposit shall be refunded within forty-five (45) days of the pavilion usage. Additionally, based upon the availability of picnic tables and personnel, additional picnic tables may be provided to the reserved pavilion area upon payment of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for 1 to 5 additional picnic tables, and upon payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for 6 to 10 additional picnic tables.

The following shall govern and control the reservation of a park and civic park pavilion by any person or entity who desires to utilize the same:

- (1) The pavilion may be reserved one (1) year in advance of the date upon which the user intends to utilize the pavilion.
- (2) The pavilion may be reserved for no more than four (4) consecutive weekends in a calendar year.
- (3) No refund of the rental fee shall be made unless the cancellation is received a minimum of thirty (30) days before the date of the pavilion reservation.
- (4) All reservations shall be made in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town on the forms prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer for said purposes.
- (5) When any of the baseball fields are not being utilized by the St. John Youth Baseball organization, the rental of the pavilion shall include the use of the baseball fields. (for daylight hours only dawn to dusk)
- (6) The St. John Youth baseball Organization shall have priority at all times for the usage of the baseball fields; further, the St. John Youth Baseball organization shall also be exempt from the rental fee provisions of this subsection.
- (7) There is no separate rental fee for the use of the baseball fields in a park or civic park."

SECTION TWO: That Section 15-5(d) of the St. John Town Code is hereby deleted in its entirety, and repealed.

<u>SECTION THREE</u>: That all existing 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 FOUR: 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.

SECTION FIVE: 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 DAY OF LUCK, 2009, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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Sherry P Sury, Clerk-Treasurer