

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1553**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND TOWN CODE SECTIONS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana (hereinafter the "Town Council"), has reviewed and investigated matters pertaining to economic development and promotion of the Town, and particularly, has reviewed its involvement in Town economic development and promotion-related activities for the economic and business growth of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has been in communication with residents, business owners, and others involved in Town business and civic service regarding economic growth of the Town, and has discerned a strong and substantial interest in Town economic and promotion, as well as activities to enhance same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council, upon its review an assessment of the circumstances described hereinabove, has determined that in order to further enhance economic development in the Town that it is necessary and advisable to create and establish a Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee to undertake economic development and promotion activities on behalf of the Town, as well as to advise the Town Council regarding such economic development and promotion matters for the commencement of growth and development in the Town of St. John; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council, upon its review and assessment, now deems it necessary, advisable, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town to establish and create a Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee in order to promote the economic and development well-being of the Town, as well as to enhance the general welfare and well-being of the residents of the Town.

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

**SECTION ONE: ESTABLISHMENT.** There is hereby established a Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee for the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana. The Town Economic Development Promotion Committee shall act in the name of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, in conformance with the terms and provisions set forth hereunder, effective upon passage and adoption of this Enabling Ordinance.

**SECTION TWO: MEMBERSHIP.** The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall consist of at least three (3) Members, and not more than nine (9) members. The Town Council shall appoint the Members of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee. Members shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation. Further, Members shall qualify for membership based on their residency in the Town, business or civic entity ownership or affiliation, and general interest in the growth and economic well-being of the Town, and general welfare and well-being of its residents, or any other criteria deemed appropriate by the Town Council.

Initial appointments to the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall be for a term to and including December 31, 2012. Thereafter, appointments to the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall be for a one (1) year period, with each appointment term commencing from the appointment of said members by the Town Council until no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

Members of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee serve for the purpose of undertaking and implementing strategies and activities for Town economic development and promotion purposes, and all related matters. Members of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee may be removed at anytime, for any reason, with or without cause by the Town Council. The Town Council may assign and designate responsibilities to the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee regarding any related Town economic development and promotion matter. The Town Council will annually commit and encumber an amount of funds for use by the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee from appropriate fund sources, upon receipt and approval of a Town economic development and promotional plan with budget, for the subsequent calendar year. It is expressly recognized and acknowledged that the members of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee are volunteers who are providing their time, energy, talent and services to the Town for the benefit of all residents of the Town in its economic development and promotion. There shall be no compensation to the Members of the Committee for their services rendered to the Town for the purposes set forth herein. The Town Council will annually appoint a Town Councilmember as liaison to the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee.

**SECTION THREE: DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.** The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall serve and provide such duties regarding the Economic Development and promotion of the Town as deemed necessary, advisable, and appropriate. It is recognized and anticipated that the Town Economic Development Promotion Committee will utilize its efforts and activities on behalf of the Town of St. John, and its residents, as well as by and through coordinated efforts and facilitated activities with the business, civic, educational, and beneficial activities groups and entities undertaking such duties and activities within the Town. The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall serve and provide such additional duties and functions as designated by the Town Council for Town economic development and promotion, from time to time. The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall additionally act to advise the Town Council as to all related Town economic development and promotional activities as same occur and develop.

**SECTION FOUR: OFFICER; MEETINGS.** The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee may elect one (1) of its Members as Chairman, one (1) of its Members as Vice-Chairman, and one (1) of its Members as Secretary.

The Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee may, as it deems appropriate, schedule and conduct regularly scheduled meetings on a day and at a time determined by the Committee. The Secretary of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall be responsible for taking and keeping minutes of all such meetings. Notice of all meetings of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall be given and made in conformance with the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Indiana Code, as such is amended from time to time.

**SECTION FIVE: COMPENSATION.** Members of the Town Economic Development and Promotion Committee shall not be compensated, as these Members are expressly acknowledged to be volunteers providing their time, energies, talent and services to the Town for the economic development and promotion of the Town, and for the benefit of all the residents of the Town.


**SECTION SIX:** 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 SEVEN:** 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 EIGHT:** That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and adoption by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, and publication in conformance with applicable law.

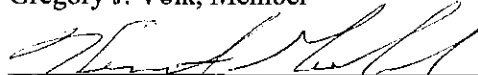
ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF February, 2012 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

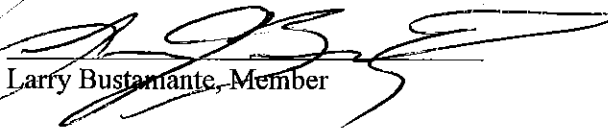
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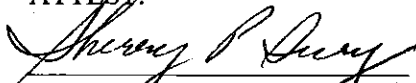
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