

**TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1690**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 16-94, ENTITLED “CONTRACTING WITH A UNIT BY A RELATIVE POLICY ESTABLISHED”, OF ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED “NEPOTISM POLICY”, OF CHAPTER 16, ENTITLED “PERSONNEL” 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, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, did adopt Town Code Section 16-94, which among other things established and adopted a policy of conduct concerning contracting with relatives of elected officials within the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has reviewed the provisions of Town Code Section 16-94 pertaining to the establishment and adoption of a policy of conduct concerning contracting with relatives of elected officials within the Town, for the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined that certain changes need to be made pertaining to the policy of conduct concerning contracting with relatives of elected officials within the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, as described more fully herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana “Home Rule” Statutes (I.C. §§ 36-1-3 *et seq.*) authorize a Municipality to adopt or amend an Ordinance prescribing a specific manner of its operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, having reviewed the provisions of Town Code Section 16-94, now concurs that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of St. John that an amendment of said of Town Code Section 16-94 is appropriate.

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

**SECTION ONE:** That Town Code Section 16-94, entitled: **Contracting with a Unit by a Relative Policy Established**, of Article VI, entitled: **NEPOTISM POLICY**, of Chapter 16 entitled: **PERSONNEL**, of the St. John Town Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to change the following language and Section Title, namely:

**“Sec. 16-94. Preclusion on Contracting with an Elected Official or Relative**

The Town may not enter into a contract or renew a contract for the procurement of goods and services or a contract for public works with: (1) an elected official; (2) an individual

who is a relative (as defined under I.C. § 36-1-21-3 and to include cousins related by blood or marriage) of an elected official; or (3) a business entity that is wholly or partially owned by a relative (as defined under I.C. § 36-1-21-3 and to include cousins related by blood or marriage) of an elected official.”

**SECTION TWO:** That all existing Town Code Sections, Articles, Chapters, 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 decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of 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.

**ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.**

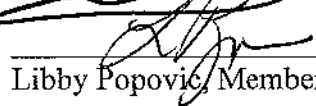
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