TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA ORDINANCE NO. 1792

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, RE-ESTABLISHING THE TOWN CUMULATIVE FIRE SPECIAL FUND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF I.C. §36-8-14-2 ET. SEQ., AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, (HEREINAFTER, THE "Town Council"), has been informed and advised that the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2 permit the Town Council, as Legislative Body of the Town of St. John, to establish and continue a Cumulative Fire Special Fund (hereinafter "Cumulative Fire Fund") for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has previously established a Cumulative Fire Fund for the Town, and agrees that such a fund is necessary and prudent for the financial well-being of the Town for the purposes permitted by applicable Statute, namely, the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, being duly advised, concurs and agrees that a need continues to exist for a Cumulative Fire Fund for the Town, and that reestablishment and continuation of same for the purposes permitted pursuant to the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2 is necessary and advisable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is further advised that pursuant to the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2, the proposed rate for the Cumulative Fire Fund will not exceed \$0.0301 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation, and that said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for Y2023, payable Y2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, being duly advised, and having considered the benefits and necessity of re-establishment and continuation of a Cumulative Fire Fund for the purposes set forth by the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2, now concurs and agrees that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Town of St. John that a Cumulative Fire Fund be re-established and continued as provided by the applicable provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2, as amended from time to time.

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

SECTION ONE: That there is hereby re-established and continued a Cumulative Fire Special Fund, or Cumulative Fire Fund, as permitted by the provisions of I.C. §36-8-14-2, as amended, for the following purposes: For all uses as set out in I.C. §36-8-14-2. The re-established and continued Cumulative Fire Special Fund proposed rate will not exceed \$0.0301 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Further, that said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for Y2023 payable Y2024.

SECTION TWO: That the Town Clerk-Treasurer or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to publish Notice of Adoption of the Cumulative Fire Fund Re-Establishment Ordinance in conformance with applicable law, as well as to take any and all other actions required to effectuate the Ordinance and its provisions. These actions shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, submission of the adopted Ordinance to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, proof of publication of the Notice of Public Hearing hereon, as well as Notice of Adoption of same, each by no later than May 31, 2023. Further, the Town Clerk-Treasurer, or designee, are authorized and directed to file the Certificate of No Remonstrance from the Lake County Auditor, upon receipt, with same to be filed with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance upon termination of the remonstrance period for any objections to be filed to the adopted Ordinance herein. This filing shall take place at the earliest opportunity at the termination of the remonstrance period.

<u>SECTION THREE:</u> That all Ordinances and Town Code Sections, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Cumulative Fire Fund Establishment Ordinance are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

<u>SECTION FOUR:</u> That if any section, clause, provision or portion of this enabling 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.

<u>SECTION FIVE:</u> That this Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and effect, from and after passage and adoption by the Town Council in Conformance with applicable law, and compliance with all required statutory procedures. This Cumulative Fund is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance.

ALL OF WHICH IS PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS **26** DAY OF **ADVIL**, 2023, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL:

Michael Schilling - President

Gerald Swets - Vice President

Michael Schilling - President

Mike Aurelio - Member

Bryan Blazak - Member

Wayng Pondinas - Member

ATTEST:

Buth R. Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer