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

## ORDINANCE NO. 1794

## A HOME RULE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF TOWN BUSINESS THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-3-5(a) states that "Except as provided in subsection (b), a unit may exercise any power it has to the extent that the power: (1) is not expressly denied by the Indiana Constitution or by statute..."; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-3-6(b)(I) states that "If there is no constitutional or statutory provision requiring a specific manner for exercising a power, a unit wanting to exercise the power must, if the unit is a county or municipality, adopt an ordinance prescribing a specific manner for exercising the power"; and,

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Indiana Code have mandated that cities adopt new ordinances, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-3, to enable a Town to pay for expenses involving the promotion of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that:

**SECTION 1:** The Town is hereby authorized to budget and appropriate funds in the General Fund or any other fund necessary to pay for of expenses that are in service to the general welfare of the Town's image and betterment of the organization.

**SECTION 2:** These expenses include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- 1. Rental of meeting places
- 2. Meals
- 3. Decorations and flowers
- 4. Memorabilia and commemorative objects
- 5 Awards
- 6. Expenses incurred in promoting commercial and/or residential development within the Town of St. John, Indiana
- 7. Expenses incurred in developing relationships with other governmental units
- 8. Direct expenses incurred for travel, meals, and lodging in conjunction with municipal business, meetings, or organizations to which the municipality belongs
- 9. Expenses for employee recognition
- 10. Any other expense of a civic or governmental nature deemed by the Town Council to be in the best interests of the Town.

**SECTION 3:** 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with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.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 4:

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 5:

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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LA		<b>2023,</b> BY THE
	OWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COURT ITS TOWN COUNCIL:  Michael Schilling, President  Berald Swets, Vice President	
	Bryan Blazak  Mayullu fisher Wayne Pondinas  Michael Finler	

Mike Aurelio

ATTEST:

Beth R. Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer