ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

An Ordinance Establishing the Huntington County Redevelopment Commission

WHEREAS, Indiana Code has authorized the formation of redevelopment districts for the purpose of the clearance, replanning, and redevelopment of areas needing redevelopment for public uses and purposes for which public money may be spent and private property may be acquired in order to afford maximum opportunity for rehabilitation or redevelopment of areas by private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Code recognizes that the assessment, planning, replanning, remediation, development and redevelopment of economic development areas:

- 1. are public and governmental functions that cannot be accomplished through the ordinary operations of private enterprise because of:
- A. the necessity for requiring the proper use of the land so as to best serve the interests of the county and its citizens; and
 - B. the costs of these projects;
 - 2. will:
 - A. benefit the public health, safety, morals, and welfare;
 - B. increase the economic well-being of the county and the state; and
- C. serve to protect and increase property values in the county and the state; and

3. are public uses and purposes for which public money may be spent and private property may be acquired.

WHEREAS, Huntington County desires to establish a department of redevelopment for the purposes as set out above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the County of Huntington, State of Indiana, that:

- 1. There shall be and hereby is created and established the Huntington County Redevelopment Commission for and in the County of Huntington, Indiana.
- 2. All of the territory in Huntington County, except that within a municipality that has a redevelopment commission, constitutes the taxing district for Huntington County governed by the Huntington County Redevelopment Commission.
- 3. All of the taxable property within Huntington County is considered to be benefited by redevelopment projects carried out under this Ordinance to the extent of special taxes levied under this authority.
- 4. The Huntington County Redevelopment Commission shall have the full power and authority to act as provided pursuant to I.C. 37-7-14.
- 5. The members of the Huntington County Redevelopment Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members, three (3) of which shall be appointed by the Huntington County Commissioners and two (2) members appointed by the Huntington County Council.

The Huntington County Commissioners shall also appoint an individual to serve as a non-voting advisor who must be a member of the Huntington County Community School Board, and is not considered a member of the Redevelopment Commission but is entitled to attend and participate in the proceedings of all meetings. Said member is not entitled to a salary, per diem or reimbursement of expenses, and shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Huntington County Community School Corporation.

- 6. Each Redevelopment Commissioner shall serve for a term of one (1) year from the first day of January after his appointment and until his successor is appointed and has qualified except that the original Redevelopment Commissioners shall serve from the date of their appointment until the first day of January in the second year after their appointment. If a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original Redevelopment Commissioner, and the successor shall serve for the remainder of the vacated term.
- 7. Each Redevelopment Commissioner, before beginning his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed on the certificate of his appointment, which shall be promptly filed with the Clerk of Huntington County.
- 8. Each Redevelopment Commissioner, before beginning his duties, shall execute a bond payable to the State of Indiana, with surety to be approved by the Huntington County Commissioners in the penal sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars

(\$15,000.00), and must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office and the accounting for all monies and properties that may come into his hands or under his control. The cost of such bond shall be paid by the special taxing district.

- 9. A Redevelopment Commissioner must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and a resident of Huntington County, Indiana. If a redevelopment commissioner ceases to be qualified as set out above, he forfeits his office.
- 10. Redevelopment Commissioners are not entitled to salaries but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

 Notwithstanding the above, a Redevelopment Commissioner who does not otherwise hold a lucrative office for the purpose of Article II, Section 9 of the Indiana Constitution may receive a salary or per diem and is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of the Redevelopment Commissioner's duties.
- 11. The redevelopment commissioners of the Huntington County
 Redevelopment Commission are further empowered to do all things necessary for the
 promotion of the business and activity of the Huntington County Redevelopment
 Commission pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-7-14.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana.

ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2016.

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