

ORDINANCE 2017-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA,
ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, recognize the importance of eliminating conflicts of interest in the conduct of Warrick County Business; and

WHEREAS, conflicts of interest are contrary to federal and state regulation and are detrimental to Warrick County's upright reputation and the public's confidence in their County government; and

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Code of Ordinances has been adopted to include various rules and regulations to avoid conflicts of interest and to protect and preserve the upright reputation and the public confidence in Warrick County elected officials, employees and agents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, also recognize the value of collaboration that occurs at special functions, such as conferences, dinners and social outings in which Warrick County officials may be guests of one (1) or more vendors that do business with Warrick County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, desire to fulfill both the letter and spirit of federal and state regulations addressing conflicts of interest, and pursuant to Title 23 Chapter I Subchapter B Part 172.7 Section 4 (iii), desire to establish the dollar threshold of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not substantial and may be accepted per this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

The Code of Ordinances of Warrick County, Indiana, is hereby amended to include a new Section 31.13 entitled "Conflict of Interest Threshold" as follows:

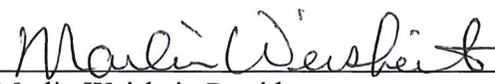
§ 31.13 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND MINIMUM THRESHOLD.

The Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, hereby establishes a conflicts of interest policy for all Warrick County officials and employees wherein Warrick County officials and employees are bound by the duties of their office or employment to avoid any and all conflicts of interest, but that the dollar threshold of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) is hereby established for any single event, meeting or function, below which any financial interest or value of any gratuity is not considered substantial and may be accepted.

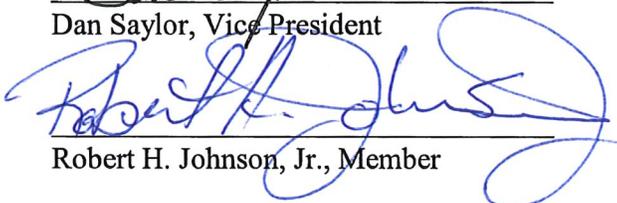
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The above establishment of a conflict of interest policy and minimum threshold amount is passed and adopted by the Warrick County Board of Commissioners this 27th day of February, 2017.

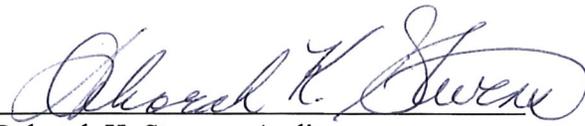
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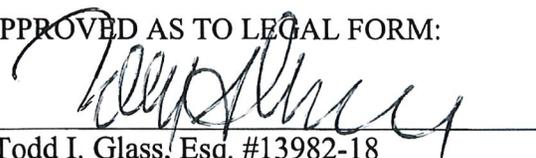

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