COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-012
Restrict the Flow of Traffic Around the Town of Newport During the
Annual Hill Climb
Vermillion County, Indiana

AN ORDINANCE TO ALTER THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AROUND THE TOWN OF NEWPORT DURING THE ANNUAL HILL CLIMB EVENT

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County Indiana that the Town of Newport holds an annual event, typically on the first weekend of October and that attendance at that event is such that the normal traffic control devices around the town are inadequate for the needs and safety of the public, therefore the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County is creating this ordinance to assist the Sheriff's Office to alter the normal flow of traffic as is needed for the safety of the public on that weekend.

SECTION 1. That on whatever days the Town of Newport holds its annual Hill Climb Event the Office of the Sheriff of Vermillion County shall have general authority to alter the flow of traffic around the Town of Newport as circumstances shall require for the safety of the public.

SECTION 2. That this general authority shall include the authority to erect signs, block roads, alter the flow of traffic, disregard existing traffic control devices, restrict traffic to local residents or to restrict traffic to participants in various activities associated with the Hill Climb Event as the Sheriff and the duly appointed deputies of Vermillion County shall deem necessary for public safety.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Commissioners understand that unpredictable conditions like changing weather make it impossible to determine specific traffic control needs from year to year and that the Sheriff and deputies will need authority to alter the traffic flow as it becomes necessary for the safety of the public during this event.

SECTION 4. That it is expected that vehicle traffic will be stopped, allowed to ignore posted signs, restricted, made one-way, blocked by barriers, or closed to the public on, but not limited to, the following roads: N 350 E, E 50 N, W Market, Old SR 63, Main, S Main, S 450 E, 100 S, CR 150 and on the various easements, rights of way and farm access roads that lead onto those roads as is needed to direct the flow of traffic for public safety during the Hill Climb Event.

SECTION 5. That because of the unusually large crowds that attend the Hill Climb Event, and the need for emergency vehicles to quickly travel into/out of the Town of Newport and the surrounding areas during this event, any vehicle found to be impeding the flow of traffic may be moved without notice and at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 6. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Adopted and passed by Vermillion County Board of Commissioners this 19th day

of September 2017.

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Attest: Amy L. Tolbert, Auditor