COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-2
Large Crowd and Large Event Ordinance
Vermillion County, Indiana

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LARGE CROWDS AND LARGE EVENTS

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County that a need exists to address events that draw large crowds or heavy vehicle traffic that might block county roads, impair the access of emergency vehicles or otherwise create a hazard for the citizens of Vermillion County.

Therefore the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County by its inherent authority is creating this ordinance to assist with the regulation of large events and large crowds

NOW BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Vermillion County Commissioners that:

SECTION 1. This ordinance is intended solely to regulate events that effect the public or consume county resources. Events that occur on private property which do not require county resources are not subject to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Whenever a person or an organization is contemplating an event that has the potential to affect county resources including creating unusual traffic or large crowds of people on county property including county roads that individual or group may present a written safety plan to the County Sheriff for prior approval. An individual or group which obtains the prior approval of their written safety plan and then follows their safety plan is not subject to being fined under this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That County Sheriff, as the need arises may create a format for a safety plan to assist with the approval process.

SECTION 4. A safety plan should include appropriate measures for the safety of the public, including traffic control, security, insurance, fire control and medical care depending on the nature of the event in question.

SECTION 5. If an individual or organization holds an event without a written safety plan approved by the County Sheriff, or fails to follow their safety plan after having it approved, shall be subject to a $500.00 fine per occurrence. An occurrence happens each time County resources such as Sheriff's deputies or other emergency vehicles or tow trucks are required to respond to an incident; such that multiple occurrences in one day may happen. An occurrence happens when county employees respond to anything related to an event, regardless of who called them or how they were summoned.

SECTION 6. In order to regulate traffic for the safety of the public the County Sheriff or his deputies may, at their discretion alter the flow of traffic on county roads, block county roads, tow vehicles from county roads or county property or otherwise control the use of county property and county right-aways to protect the public in response to an event.

SECTION 7. That the intent of this ordinance is to persuade people who want to hold events to work with local officials in developing and implementing a safety plan to protect the public.

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 February, 2019.

President

ATTEST: _____
Auditor of Vermillion County