ORDINANCE G-13- 04

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON PAIN MANAGEMENT CLINICS IN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana has concerns regarding pain management clinics and the possible negative impact that such clinics may have on the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the existing ordinances of the Town of Georgetown do not adequately address the creation, location and operation of pain management clinics within the Town of Georgetown; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that a moratorium on the creation, implementation and operation of pain management clinics within the Town of Georgetown is in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Georgetown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. <u>Definition of "Pain Management Clinic"</u>: "Pain Management Clinic" means any privately owned clinic, facility, or office which provides any type of pain management services, including employment of a physician, nurse practitioner, nurse, osteopath, or pharmacist who is primarily engaged in the treatment of pain or pain-related matters by prescribing or dispensing substances controlled by state or federal law.
- 2. <u>Moratorium</u>: There shall be no new pain management clinics located within the Town of Georgetown, Indiana for a period of not less than two (2) years from the date that this Ordinance is adopted and becomes effective. In the event that there is no new legislation enacted by the legislature of the State of Indiana within that two-year period which sets forth regulations for pain management clinics, the two-year moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall automatically renew for an additional two-year period.
- 3. Exceptions: Any person or private organization may apply to open and operate a pain management clinic in the Town of Georgetown, Indiana and may be granted an exception to this Ordinance only by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, and only upon due consideration and approval by the Georgetown Town Council, the Georgetown Plan Commission, and then, only following a public hearing on any such application.

4. Any provision of any Ordinance of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana that is in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any and all provisions of any Ordinances which are not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED THIS ______ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

BY: MIKE MILLS, PRESIDENT

BY: JURRY BROCK, MEMBER

BY: PATTI DENISON, MEMBER

BY: KATHY HALLER, MEMBER

BY: JIM TRIPURE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS COOK, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER