ORDINANCE NO. G-03- 32

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FIREARMS INSIDE THE TOWN HALL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-8-2-4, the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown is the entity responsible for providing for the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown, Indiana is authorized to regulate the ownership, possession, sale, transfer and/or transportation of firearms on property owned or administered by the Town pursuant to I.C. 35-47-11-2; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown owns the real property on which the Georgetown Town Hall is located; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana has determined, after due consideration and discussion, that for the safety and protection of town employees, as well as residents of the Town of Georgetown, firearms should be prohibited inside the Georgetown Town Hall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, that no person shall carry, possess, sell or trade any firearm(s) inside the Georgetown Town Hall;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that for purposes of this Ordinance, the term "firearm" means any weapon that is capable of or designed to or that may be readily converted to expel a projectile by means of an explosion, pursuant to I.C. 35-47-1-5;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall not apply to the lawful performance of official duties by an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision thereof, who is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall not apply to the possession of a firearm by a Federal, State or local official or a member of the United States Armed Forces if such possession is authorized by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice of the prohibition of firearms shall be conspicuously posted at each public entrance of the Georgetown Town Hall and no person shall be found to be in violation of this Ordinance if said notice is not so posted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that anyone found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 dollars nor more than \$500.00 for each violation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any term or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any provision of any Ordinance of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana that is in conflict with any provision this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any provision of any Ordinance not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown this ____ day of _______, 2003. TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA Patti Denison, President Terry Cain, Vice-President Ginger Vernon, Member Jim Henriott, Member ATTEST:

Linda K. Sanders, Clerk-Treasurer