

**ORDINANCE NO. 99-10**

Whereas, the City of Michigan City has purchased the property formerly known as Garfield School for the development of a new fire station; and

Whereas, the property in question has not had a non-public use during at least the last fifty years; and

Whereas, due to a previous purchaser having purchased said property with the intent to donate to a charitable use but failing to procure a property tax exemption, there exists unpaid property taxes on said property; and

Whereas, the City of Michigan City desires said taxes be canceled pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-36-7: and

Whereas, during the purchase of said property by the City of Michigan City, the Laporte County Board of Commissioners has previously moved to support a petition to cancel the property tax due on said parcel and to instruct the auditor, assessor and treasurer to submit such petition; and

Whereas, the State Board of Tax Commissioners staff has informed the auditor that they prefer such petition in ordinance form;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners that:

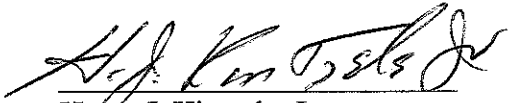
1. They hereby petition the state board of tax commissioners to cancel any property taxes assessed against the aforementioned and attached described property owned by the City of Michigan City; and
2. The Laporte County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer are instructed to indicate their approval of and joining in said petition by affixing their signatures hereto; and
3. A copy of this Ordinance/Petition is to be mailed to the state board of tax commissioners for their action hereon.

Approved in LaPorte, Indiana this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999

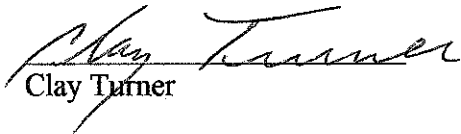
LaPorte County Board of Commissioners:



Marlow Harmon, President

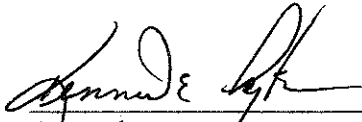


Henry J. Kintzele, Jr.



Clay Turner

Others:



Kenneth Layton, LaPorte County Auditor



Christine Brady, LaPorte County Treasurer



Merle Bannwart, LaPorte County Assessor