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ORDINANCE TO AMEND JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE 2002-03

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Commissioners previously adopted Ordinance 2002-03 regarding junk and abandoned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it now necessary to amend such ordinance to allow an expedited process for enforcement

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County now amend Ordinance 2002-03 as follows

SECTION I That Section 8-1005 removal, Paragraph A is now amended to read as follows:

The enforcement office is hereby authorized to issue warning or written demand to the owner, occupant, agent or person in possession of the premises on which any wrecked, junked or abandoned vehicle is kept in violation of this ordinance notifying such individuals to remove such vehicle from the premises within ten (10) days from the receipt of such notice. Such notice will further provide that failure to remove such vehicle could result in fines not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500 00) per day as well as any other costs that may be assessed if legal action is necessary for the enforcement of such ordinance.

Upon the failure or refusal of such person to remove such vehicle within the time period specified, an enforcement action may be filed before a hearing officer designated by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners or the LaPorte Circuit Court concerning the failure to remove such vehicle

SECTION II. That this ordinance shall take effect after its publication and passage as prescribed by law.

SECTION III. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances not in conflict with the amendment in these provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED on this 17th day of February, 2004.

BILL HAGER, President

MARLOW HARMON, Vice President

CLAY TURNER, Member

KEN LAYTON, Auditor