

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING LAPORTE COUNTY'S ETHICS ORDINANCE IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING THE NEW STATE LAWS ON NEPOTISM AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CONTRACTING WITH A UNIT**

**WHEREAS**, the absence of a coherent set of state statutes pertaining to nepotism issues and conflict of interest matters regarding local government officers led this Board to adopt the LaPorte County Ethics Ordinance on April 3, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 the Indiana Legislature passed, and the Governor signed HEA 1005 entitled Nepotism/Conflict of Interest, which took effect on July 1, 2012 (I.C. 36-1-20.2 and I.C. 36-1-21); and

**WHEREAS**, the LaPorte County Council, meeting in regular session on August 27, 2012 referenced the new state laws when it duly passed a motion by a vote of 6 to 1 recommending repeal of the county's Ethics Ordinance, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan City Common Council did by unanimous vote of 9 to 0 repeal that city's Ethics Ordinance on July 17, 2012 in favor of adopting the new state laws regarding nepotism and contracting with a unit, and



**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners commends the Indiana General Assembly for adopting rigorous and stringent ethics requirements for local government officers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County, Indiana as follows:

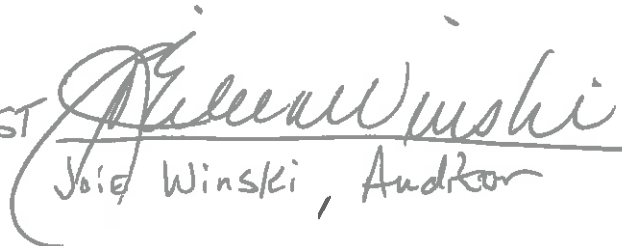
1. Ordinance No. 2012-03, commonly known as the LaPorte County Ethics Ordinance is hereby repealed.
2. The state laws governing Nepotism (I.C. 36-1-20.2) and Contracting with a Unit/Conflict of Interest (I.C. 36-1-21) as the same may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by the County.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage, approval and publication. Adopted this 2nd day of January, 2013.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA**

  
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Joie Winski, Auditor