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RE: *LaPorte County Joint Zoning Ordinance*
Section 14.09(a) "Sexually Oriented Businesses"

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Attached please find a Public Notice of the joint hearing being held for the adoption of the proposed amendments to Section 14.09(a), Table 07.02 and the Appendix of the LaPorte County Joint Zoning Ordinance.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the LaPorte County Plan Commission and LaPorte County Commissioners, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., prevailing local time, in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room 3 at 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana, to consider the amendment to Section 14.09(a) "Sexual Oriented Businesses," Table 07.02 and the Appendix of the LaPorte County Joint Zoning Ordinance.

The geographic areas affected by the proposed amendment to the Joint Zoning Ordinance of LaPorte County ("JZO") are all unincorporated areas of LaPorte County. A summary of the Subject matter contained in the proposed amendment to the Joint Zoning Ordinance of LaPorte County as set forth in Article 14.09(a) headings set forth below, are as follows:

SECTION 14.09 ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

(a) SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES

- (1) Purpose.
- (2) Findings and Rationale.
- (3) Findings of Board of Commissioners.
- (4) Locational Requirements of Sexually Oriented Businesses.
- (5) Method of Measuring Distances.
- (6) Nonconforming Sexually Oriented Businesses.

TABLE 07.02/ APPENDIX SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES

A summary of the Subject matter contained in the proposed amendment to the Joint Zoning Ordinance of LaPorte County as set forth in Table 07.02/ Appendix "Schedule of Permitted Uses" set forth below, are as follows:

- (1) Deletion of "Adult book and video stores"
- (2) Deletion of "Adult Regulated Use"
- (2) Add "Sexual Oriented Business"
- (3) "Massage Establishments" permitted uses shall be subsequent to Section 14.09(a).

The proposed Joint Zoning Ordinance provide for the regulation of sexually oriented businesses in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of LaPorte County, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses within LaPorte County.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance affect all areas of unincorporated LaPorte County. The affected areas of LaPorte County are available for public review in the LaPorte County Planning Department, Room 502A, LaPorte County Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350, and (219) 326-6808 X2253 during regular business hours.

Written objections to the proposed Amendment may be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission at 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana, before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard at the public hearing. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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