

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08A

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT REQUEST TO USE RECORDER'S
PERPETUATION FUND TO COVER OFFICE EXPENSES AND SALARIES**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code IC 36-2-7-10.2 requires that the county fiscal body adopt an ordinance approving the County Recorder's request for 2027 budget and allow for the use of Recorder's Perpetuation Fund to cover office expenses and salaries as outlined in the budget presented at the budget hearings on July 20th, 2026 in the sum of \$332,407.00.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2026, the County Recorder provided the Council with a sworn statement that meets the requirement of I36-2-7-10.2(b)(1)(A-D).

WHEREAS, the County Recorder requests the Council to approve the expenses as outlined in the 2027 budget presented to the Council.

WHEREAS, the ordinance is valid for only the 2027 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, THAT:

The County Recorder is authorized to utilize the funds from the Perpetuation Fund for the expenses and salaries as outlined in the budget for the 2027 calendar year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and in effect after its full adoption by the LaPorte County Council.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 27nd day of August, 2026.


Councilman President Adam Koronka


Councilman Justin Kiel


Councilwoman Jennifer Heath


Councilman Brett Kessler


Councilman Mike Mollenhauer


Councilman Jimmy Pressel


Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 
Michael Rosenbaum, La Porte County Auditor

STATE OF INDIANA)

) SS:

COUNTY OF LA PORTE)

IN THE MATTER OF LA PORTE COUNTY RECORDER'S
RECORDS PERPETUATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER
I.C. 36-2-7-10(f)

SWORN STATEMENT OF ELZBIETA BILDERBACK, LA PORTE COUNTY RECORDER

Elzbieta Bilderback, the duly elected La Porte County Recorder, submits her sworn statement to the LaPorte County Council pursuant to I. C. 36-2-7-10.2(b) in order that La Porte County Recorder may pay all of the expenses of La Porte County Recorder's Office including salaries of Second Deputy and Archivist, and hourly pay for part-time clerk for calendar year 2027 from Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund established under I.C. 36-2-7-10(f). Not to exceed \$332,407.00 under penalties for perjury and under oath, Elzbieta Bilderback, La Porte County Recorder, states as follows;

- (A) The current revenue to the fund is sufficient to fulfill the statutory purpose of the fund;
- (B) The technology of the county recorder's office is presently updated and at the level to sufficiently meet statutory purpose of the fund and the county recorder's office;
- (C) The fund has sufficient reserve to capitalize the next technology or other records management upgrade necessary to fulfill the statutory purpose of the fund and county recorder's office;
- (D) The county recorder specifically requests that the fund be used to pay the expenses of the county recorder's office for the 2027 calendar year in the sum of \$332,407.00

Dated: 08/06/2026

Elzbieta Bilderback

Elzbieta Bilderback, La Porte County Recorder

I Elzbieta Bilderback, affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the forgoing representations are true.

Elzbieta Bilderback

Elzbieta Bilderback, La Porte County Recorder

STATE OF INDIANA)

)SS:

COUNTY OF LA PORTE)

Before me Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Elzbieta Bilderback and acknowledged the execution of the above and forgoing document to be her voluntary act and deed under oath.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 6 day of August, 2026

My Commission Expires: June 17, 2031

County of Residence: La Porte

Diane M. Gonzales
Notary Public

