

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH SUPPORTING INDIANA SENATE RESOLUTION 12 SO THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN LAKE AND PORTER COUNTIES WILL BE ELIMINATED

WHEREAS, in order to create a more fair and equitable form of government for the citizens of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith is located Lake County, Indiana, which along with Porter County, has been under federal mandate since 1984 to subject certain motor vehicles to periodic testing for attainment of federal standards for ozone; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mandated inspection and maintenance (I/M) program is to reduce ground-level ozone by ensuring that the emission control systems on vehicles are working correctly; and

WHEREAS, an I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program; and

WHEREAS, generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties; and

WHEREAS, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway linking major southern cities with Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94, and 65; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all citizens, businesses and vehicle owners in the Town of Griffith insofar as they not be burdened with meeting the even more stringent, newly established criteria by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that it shows its support of the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana and its efforts to urge the Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated, as outlined and set forth in its Senate Resolution No. 12.

SO RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, on this 19th day of July, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



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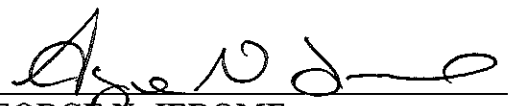


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