

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 45**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA  
CONCERNING THE MANNER AND DUTIES ASSOCIATED  
WITH A SPECIAL ELECTION ON A PUBLIC QUESTION  
ON THE REMOVAL OF GRIFFITH FROM CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith, Indiana, is an “eligible municipality” as defined under IC 36-1-1.5-2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Voters of the Town of Griffith submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer the required number of signatures advocating the removal of the Town of Griffith from Calumet Township to an adjacent township in accordance with IC 36-1-1.5-7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith has certified the aforementioned Voters’ signatures and submitted the signatures to the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration in accordance with IC 36-1-1.5-8(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Griffith Town Council, on August 30, 2016, voted to establish December 20, 2016 as the date to hold the Special Election on the question of the Town of Griffith’s removal from Calumet Township to an adjacent township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to IC 36-1-1.5-8(2), a special election held at a time other than the time of the general election shall be governed by the requirements under IC 3-10-8-6; and

**WHEREAS**, the Special Election on the question of the Town of Griffith’s removal from Calumet Township is such a special election and shall be held in the manner prescribed by IC 3-10-8-6; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements set forth under IC 3-10-8-6, the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration and other local public officials who are required to perform any duties in connection with a general election shall perform the same duties for the special election, subject to the same provisions and penalties as for a general election;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith is operating under the understanding that the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration shall fulfill its duties under Title 3 and Title 36, specifically those duties that pertain to special elections.

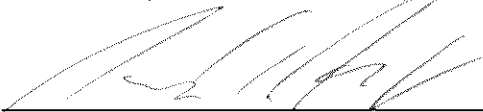
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, that the following manner and duties associated with the Special Election may be used:


1. The Griffith Town Council is requesting that the Special Election be conducted in a manner consistent with previous regularly scheduled elections and consistent with past election practices, including, but not limited to, the use of previous polling locations. In the case that past regularly scheduled election practices cannot be used, the Griffith Town Council supports the practices described in Sections 2, 3, and 4 below.


2. The Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration may provide, by unanimous vote of the entire membership, that several precincts may vote in the special election at the same polling place so long as the consolidation will not result in undue inconvenience to voters,
3. The Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration may adopt, by unanimous vote of the entire membership, a resolution to provide that each precinct election board will include only one inspector and one judge, and that only one sheriff and one poll clerk may be nominated as precinct election officers.
4. If the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter Registration chooses to adopt the aforementioned resolution, the inspector shall be nominated by the county chairman entitled to nominate an inspector under IC 3-6-6-8. The judge shall act as a clerk whenever two clerks are required to perform a duty. The poll clerk shall act as the judge whenever two judges are required to perform a duty.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith is authorized and shall give notice of the Special Election to be held on December 20, 2016, by publication in the manner prescribed by IC 5-3-1. The publication cost associated with the public notice shall be paid by the public treasury of the Town of Griffith. Furthermore, this notice shall be published one time, at least ten days before the date of the election.
6. The Griffith Town Council authorizes its President to execute any responsibilities required of the Town of Griffith for the Special Election, including, but not limited to, guiding, directing, and supervising any duties of the Town as required by IC 36-1-1.5.


**SO RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.


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

  
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**RICK RYFA, President**

  
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**JAMES MARKER**

  
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**LARRY BALLAH**

  
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**PATRICIA SCHAADT**

  
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**TONY HOBSON**

ATTEST:

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**JOHN VOLKMANN, Clerk-Treasurer**