WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CONNECTION OF ANY ROADWAY TO THE SOUTH END OF SAMUEL DRIVE IN PARK FOREST

WHEREAS, during the past several years, the Town of Whiteland (the "Town") and neighboring areas of Johnson County have experienced tremendous growth in population and housing development;

WHEREAS, corresponding with the growth in population and housing, there has been significant growth in the amount of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic using the local neighborhood streets of the Town, many of which do not include any adjacent sidewalks;

WHEREAS, Samuel Drive and the other streets of the Park Forest residential neighborhood of the Town do not have adjacent sidewalks to accommodate pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the Town and neighboring areas of Johnson County are expected to continue for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS, an increase in vehicle traffic through the Park Forest residential neighborhood of the Town has the potential to cause undesirable and unsafe traffic congestion in the neighborhood, including an increase in the risk of collisions resulting in injury to people and damage to property;

WHEREAS, it is important for new developments to provide proper access to major thoroughfares without burdening local neighborhood streets and jeopardizing the public health, safety, and welfare of existing neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, from its southern extension, Samuel Drive runs approximately two-thirds of a mile through the Park Forest residential neighborhood of the Town before connecting to a thoroughfare designed for through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteland Town Council believes that prohibiting the connection of any roadway to the south end of Samuel Drive is needed in order to protect the quality of life, character, and safety of the Park Forest residential neighborhood of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Whiteland, Indiana, as follows:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The recitals of this Ordinance are incorporated herein by this reference and shall be considered findings of the Whiteland Town Council.
- Section 2. No roadway shall be connected to the right-of-way of the southern extension of Samuel Drive in the Park Forest residential subdivision of the Town.
- Section 3. Town officials with authority over such matters are authorized and directed to take whatever actions are allowed by law to fulfill and enforce the intent of this ordinance.

Section 4. If any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and its validity shall have no effect upon the remaining provisions of this ordinance.	
Section 5. The provisions set forth in this ordinance shall become and remain in full force and effect on the date of adoption of this ordinance as evidenced by the signature of the Town Council President as prescribed by Indiana Code 36-5-2-10.	
PASSED through first reading by , 2021, by a vote of	the Town Council on the $8^{\frac{1}{2}}$ day of in favor and $\boxed{0}$ against.
DULY PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED on second reading on the Hay of in favor and against.	
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