

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WHITELAND TO
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO I.C. § 36-7.7 *et seq.***

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 36-7.7 *et seq.* (the “Act”) allows eligible political subdivisions located in the Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson Metropolitan Statistical Area to create the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (the “RDA”) and to carry out its powers as more particularly described in the Act;

WHEREAS, the RDA is a separate body corporate and politic that shall carry out the purposes of the Act by (i) acquiring, constructing, equipping, owning, and financing projects and facilities to or for the benefit of members of the RDA; and (ii) funding and developing: (A) airport authority projects and services; (B) commuter transportation district and other rail projects and services; (C) regional transportation authority projects and services; (D) economic development projects; (E) intermodal transportation projects; (F) regional trail or greenway projects; (G) regional transportation infrastructure projects under Ind. Code § 36-9-43; and (H) any other capital infrastructure project that enhances the region with the goal of attracting people or business or that are of regional importance;

WHEREAS, the RDA has the power to, among other items, (i) finance, improve, construct, reconstruct, renovate, purchase, acquire, and equip land and projects that are of regional importance; (ii) finance and construct additional improvements to projects or other capital improvements owned by the RDA, (iii) construct or reconstruct highways, roads, and bridges; (iv) acquire land or all or part of one (1) or more projects from an eligible political subdivision by purchase; (v) provide funding for intermodal transportation projects and facilities; (vi) provide funding for regional trails and greenways; (vii) provide funding for economic development projects; (viii) provide funding for regional transportation infrastructure projects under Ind. Code § 36-9-43; and all other powers prescribed by the Act;

WHEREAS, the RDA shall be governed by a strategy committee whose composition and structure will be established by a preliminary development plan (the “Plan”), which in accordance with the Act, is to be adopted by separate resolution of the participating member;

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 36-7.7-3-9 provides that a political subdivision may join the already established RDA if the political subdivision is located in a county that (i) is a member of the RDA, (ii) is adjacent to a county that is a member of the RDA, or (iii) is adjacent to a county containing a member of the RDA;

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 36-7.7-3-9 provides that an eligible political subdivision may join the RDA if the fiscal body of that political subdivision adopts an ordinance authorizing membership in the RDA and a resolution adopting the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Whiteland, Indiana (the "Council") now desires to authorize the Town of Whiteland (the "Town") to become a member of the RDA, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-7.7-3-9;

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

Section 1. The Council hereby authorizes the Town to become a member of the RDA pursuant to the Act. The Town shall be a member of the RDA for not less than five years or until the expiration of the Act.

Section 2. The Council shall adopt the Plan by separate resolution, which resolution shall be substantially similar to the resolutions of other participating members of the RDA.

Section 3. The Council shall notify the Indiana Economic Development Corporation of its membership in the RDA.

Section 4. The provisions of all other ordinances, resolutions, or Town Code provisions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are of no further force or effect.

Section 5. If any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid, such part will be deemed severable and its validity shall have no effect upon the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. The provisions set forth in this ordinance shall become and remain in full force and effect (until their repeal by ordinance) on the date of adoption of this ordinance as evidenced by the signature of the executive as prescribed by Indiana Code 36-5-2-10, subject to publication of this ordinance to the extent required by law.

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PASSED through first reading by the Town Council on the 14 day of November, 2023, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

DULY PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED on the 14 day of November, 2023, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

TOWN OF WHITELAND, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL

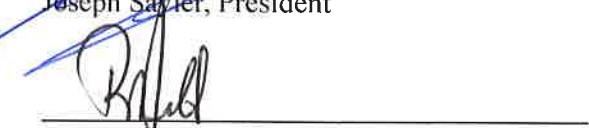


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Attest:



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