

ORDINANCE OF THE  
LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS # 90-14

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS AND COMMISSIONS FROM VENDING MACHINES LOCATED IN BUILDINGS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF LAPORTE, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, the County of LaPorte regularly contracts with various private vendors to place automated machines in its facilities to be used for the sale and provision of various food and beverages to the general public and to employees of said county, and

WHEREAS, such private vending firms have agreed to pay a commission to the County of LaPorte on each sale of such food or beverage item, and

WHEREAS, there exist several machines that are on the premises of buildings owned or operated by the County of LaPorte that are serviced strictly by the employees of such county, and

WHEREAS, the profits or proceeds of such employee-operated machines as well as commissions from vendor-operated machines are presently handled in an informal manner, and

WHEREAS, it is the view of this body that authority exists under the provisions of Indiana's Home Rule Law, set forth at I.C. 36-1-3 et seq. to fully codify and formalize procedures dealing with the aforementioned commissions and/or profits from such vending machines, and

WHEREAS, there exists a need in county government to have funds available to help pay for certain employee benefits for which the General Fund makes no provision, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to develop a mechanism to pay for such items as flowers for bereaved county employees, citations or awards for employee productivity, Christmas parties for said employees, along with periodic improvements to the employees' lounge or other facilities without using tax dollars to do so,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
LAPORTE COUNTY THAT:

1. There is hereby established a special account, to be known as the "Vending Profits and Commissions" account which shall be under the joint Supervision of the LaPorte County Auditor and LaPorte County Treasurer.

2. That any and all proceeds or profits from employee-operated vending machines as well as commissions paid by private, for-profit vending machine firms shall regularly be deposited into said account.

3. That as the need for disbursements arise, the President of the County Commissioners is hereby empowered to make request to both the LaPorte County Auditor and LaPorte County Treasurer who shall then execute a check in the requested amount by co-signing said instrument.

4. That all such receipts and disbursements from the Vending Profits and Commissions account shall be regularly itemized and maintained in a ledger available for public inspection and/or review.

5. That any and all provision of any county ordinance in conflict with the above and foregoing is hereby repealed.

6. That the provisions of this ordinance shall be effective after passage, approval, and publication of all matters contained herein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1990.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY:

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