Ordinance 2019-2

Board of Commissioners of Fountain County

An Ordinance to Establish a Real Property Endorsement Fee under Indiana Code § 36-2-9-18

WHEREAS, based on recent legislative changes to Indiana Code § 36-2-9-18 and State Board of Accounts directives, it is necessary that the Board of Commissioners adopt a ten-dollar ($10.00) endorsement fee.

WHEREAS, Fountain County, Indiana, therefore, determines to adopt an Ordinance for a document endorsement fee under Indiana Code § 36-2-9-18;

Now, therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Fountain County, Indiana ordain:

Section 1. The Fountain County Auditor must collect a fee of ten dollars ($10.00) for each legal description of each parcel contained in the deed for which the auditor makes a real property endorsement.

Section 2. A “deed” is defined: "a signed and usually sealed instrument containing some legal transfer, bargain or contract."

Section 3. The endorsement fee is effective July 1, 2019, and is in addition to any other fee provided by law;

Section 4. The auditor must deposit the revenue received under this Ordinance in a county fund dedicated for use in maintaining plat books; and

Section 5. All previous ordinances regarding endorsement fees are null and void.

Adopted and passed by the Board of Commissioners of Fountain County, Indiana, this 17th day of June, 2019.

Craig Stilten, President

Don Hesler, Vice President

Tim Shumaker, Secretary

Brenda Hardy, Auditor

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document unless required by law. /s/ J. Kent Minnette