

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FINES, PENALTIES AND/OR TAXES RELATED
TO NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Accounts has adopted general audit guidelines that prohibit the Town of Griffith from paying fines, penalties or taxes; and

WHEREAS, the payment of such fines are generally the personal obligation of the Town of Griffith's fiscal officers, administrators and boards; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has enacted and imposed upon the Town of Griffith certain unfunded mandates found within the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, any fiscal decisions associated with the governance of the Town of Griffith are made by its Town Council, including implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the fiscally wise decision of the Town Council is to pay the penalties, fines and/or taxes instead of the cost of the mandates found within the Affordable Care Act; and

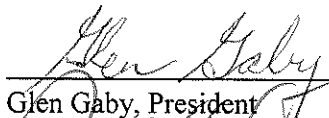
WHEREAS, because of the foregoing reasons the State Board of Accounts does not believe its general audit guidelines should apply to this controversial, mandated and complicated law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:


The prefatory paragraphs above are incorporated herein by reference as if more fully stated herein. The Town Council of the Town of Griffith now finds, determines and officially documents its decision to pay fines, penalties and taxes resulting from non-compliance with the Affordable Care Act, and not to personally obligate any of its fiscal officers, administrators or boards for this fiscally sound decision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 2nd day of July, 2013.

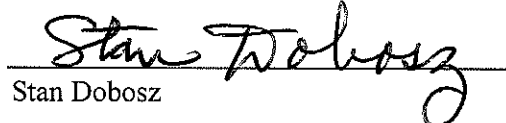
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