

RESOLUTION 2014-10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOME IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, it is vital to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Griffith that residential homes be properly kept, maintained, and improved; and

WHEREAS, properly kept, maintained, and improved residential homes add aesthetic beauty to the Town of Griffith and contribute to a healthier and more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, to encourage residents to more freely upkeep, maintain, and improve their homes, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith believes that it is in the best interest of the Town and its residents if permit fees are temporarily waived for certain residential home improvement projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that the Neighborhood Home Improvement Initiative be immediately established and expire at the end of the day on December 31, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that throughout the course of the Neighborhood Home Improvement Initiative, permit fees for the following improvements and renovations to residential properties (excluding foundational work, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC) will be reduced to \$5.00:

- (a) All interior projects;
- (b) All exterior projects;
- (c) Gutters;
- (d) Front doors;
- (e) Windows;
- (f) Sheds;
- (g) Fences; and
- (h) Decks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed as alleviating the requirement that residential homeowners and/or contractors obtain all necessary permits prior to performing any work. Residential homeowners and/or contractors are still required to pay any and all inspection fees for work performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any residential homeowner and/or contractor who fails to obtain the necessary permit required for work covered by the Neighborhood Home Improvement Initiative shall be in violation of the Neighborhood Home Improvement Initiative and subject to a fine of not more than \$2,500.00. Each day work is performed without a proper permit shall constitute a new violation.

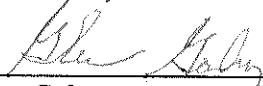
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby suspended and of no further force or effect until January 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication, and posting in accordance with the law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 4th day of March, 2014.


COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



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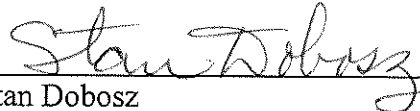
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