ORDINANCE NO. 1662

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNSTER TOWN CODE CHAPTER 46 PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF BLOCK PARTIES IN THE TOWN OF MUNSTER

WHEREAS, neighborhoods in the Town of Munster from time to time have held block parties to promote friendship and social interaction in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that block parties be regulated so that they are not an undue burden on the Town and the public in general.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and ENACTED as follows:

1. Munster Town Code, Chapter 46, as amended from time to time, is further amended by the addition of the following Article VI, Block Parties.

#### **Article VI - Block Parties**

- **46-300** Block Parties shall be defined as a party, located on a public street, where the majority of the attendees live on the street where the party is located.
- **46-301** Block Party Applications shall be submitted to the Munster Police Department, Chief's Office, at least three (3) weeks prior to the event.
- **46-302** For safety and security reasons, block parties must use Town of Munster identified barriers.
  - These barriers will be made available at no cost. Approved applicants may pick them up from 508 Fisher Street between during the work week between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
  - o There will be a non-refundable \$100 delivery fee if the applicant would like barriers to be dropped off and picked up by Town staff.
- **46-303** The site must be returned to its pre-party condition by the organizers. All trash must be collected and removed from the street at the conclusion of the event and not left on street until the regularly scheduled trash pick-up.
- **46-304** A \$250.00 Security Deposit check is required at time of submission. Once equipment is returned and site is inspected and it is determined no damage has occurred the applicant will be refunded their deposit. If damage is noted, the appropriate department will contact the person in charge regarding fees to be assessed against the deposit.
- **46-305** Block Parties will not be permitted on primary or secondary roadways as designated by the Munster Public Works Department.
- **46-306** If alcoholic beverages are to be sold, the sale, distribution and or consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be in compliance with all rules, ordinances and laws of the Town of Munster and the State of Indiana.

- **46-307** Nothing shall be placed in the street to hinder the access of public safety equipment. An eight (8) foot wide emergency isle, the entire length of the street closure, must remain clear at all times.
- **46-308** Parkway trees shall not be utilized in anyway and fire hydrants must remain clear at all times.
- **46-309** The person in charge of the organization of the block party shall notify the residents on the block that the party will be taking place.
- **46-310** The Town of Munster reserves the authority to deny the permit for a Block Party based on public safety concerns.
- **46-311** The Town of Munster reserves the right to clear the right of way at any time based on unforeseen emergencies.
  - 2. The Town Council of the Town of Munster, Indiana establishes reasonable fees and charges for specific programs and services and will from time to time make amendments to Schedule A, which has been established by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, for the purpose of centralizing all fees, fines, violations and service charges for the Town, the Park and others. Schedule A is further amended as follows:

### **Violations Bureau**

## (D) MISCELLANEOUS

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Block Party Security Deposit \$250.00

No damage -Full amount refunded

Damage - Fees assessed against the deposit to be determined by appropriate department

Non-refundable fee for delivery of barriers by Town staff \$100.00

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Enacted this 27 <sup>22</sup> day of JULY	, 2015, by a vote of _	<u></u> in favor
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Town Council of the Town of Munster

Andy Koultourides, Council President

ATTEST:

David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer