#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2**

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-19 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-28 ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF TOWN MARSHAL AND AMENDING THE TOWN CODE ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Edinburgh Town Council ("Town Council") previously appointed a Town Marshal as its chief police officer pursuant to the provisions set forth in Indiana Code 36-5-7.

WHEREAS, Section 31.03 of the Town of Edinburgh Town Code ("Municipal Code") provides that the Town Marshal, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-7-1 et seq. shall be the Town's chief police officer.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the benefits that the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund ("1977 Fund") would provide to the Town of Edinburgh's police officers if the Town of Edinburgh were to participate in the 1977 Fund.

WHEREAS, the Town Council must abolish the office of Town Marshal in order to enroll its police officers in and participate in the 1977 Fund.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-8-9-2, on October 28, 2024, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 2024-19 abolishing the office of Town Marshal effective as of January 1, 2025 and establishing a board of metropolitan police commissioners.

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2024, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 2024-28 which amended Ordinance 2024-19 and postponed the effective date for abolishing the office of Town Marshal from January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, members of the Edinburgh Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners ("Board") will not be appointed prior to February 24, 2025, and it is in the best interest of the Town of Edinburgh to change the effective date for abolishing the office of Town Marshal to a later date.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDINBURGH, INDIANA, THAT:

#### SECTION 1: AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19 and ORDINANCE NO. 2024-28

The Town of Edinburgh hereby amends Section 1 of Ordinance 2024-19 and

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Section 1(A) of Ordinance No. 2024-28 by deleting the text that is crossed out and

replacing it with the text that is in italics as follows:

The office of Town Marshal established pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-7-2, et seq. is hereby abolished effective as of March 1, 2025.

The office of Town Marshal established pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-7-2, et seq. is hereby abolished effective as of May 1, 2025.

## SECTION 2: AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Edinburgh Town Council amends the Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 32, Section 32.11 as follows:

A. Section 32.11 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**32.11. Town Marshal Abolished.** The office of Town Marshal established pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-5-7-2, et seq. is hereby abolished effective as of May 1, 2025.

# SECTION 3: PUBLIC BENEFIT.

The Edinburgh Town Council finds that this Ordinance will be in the best interest of the Town and for the benefit of the public and residents of the Town.

#### SECTION 4: CONSTRUCTION OF CLAUSE HEADINGS.

The clause headings appearing in this ordinance have been provided for convenience and reference, and do not purport and will not be deemed to define, limit, or extend the scope or intent of the clauses to which the headings pertain.

#### SECTION 5: REPEALER.

- A. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- B. This Ordinance does not affect any other sections of the Municipal Code or other ordinances except as herein provided and all other sections of the Municipal Code and other ordinances shall remain the same.

#### SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY.

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such part will be deemed severable and its validity will have no effect upon the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

**INTRODUCED** on the 24 day of February 2025.

**DULY ADOPTED** on this 24 day of February 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Edinburgh, Indiana having been passed by a vote of 4 in Favor and Opposed.

# **EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

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