

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING THE
INDIANA BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature has proposed changes to the depreciation floor and other aspects of Indiana's business personal property tax as a priority in their 2022 legislative agenda; and,

WHEREAS, Town of Santa Claus opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal property tax without permanent full replacement guaranteed by the state; and,

WHEREAS, any contemplated revenue replacement must be a source of revenue that continues to grow over time just as a property tax base would in order to allow growing communities to meet the demand for services; and,

WHEREAS, a permanent state tax credit applied to all proposed business personal property tax reductions, holidays, phase-outs, etc., could eliminate unnecessary burden on local government in order to continue building healthy Indiana communities; and,

WHEREAS, the personal property tax is a relied upon method for funding local government; and,

WHEREAS, for taxing units not at the caps, a reduction in the tax base could result in property owners paying more in real property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, for those communities at the caps, any phase out of the business personal property tax means a loss in revenue for local units of government; and,

WHEREAS, Business Personal Property Tax distributions to local units of government exceed \$1 Billion; and,

WHEREAS, a reduction or elimination of Business Personal Property Tax could result in:

A significant decrease in the Town's assessed value; and,

A significant loss to the Town's Tax Increment Financing revenues in the Amusement and Commercial Allocation Area, and potential Default of the Town's Tax Increment Bond issued for that Area; and,

Increase in the property tax rates throughout the Town; and,

Increase in the Circuit Breaker loss for the Town; and,

Loss of funding for the Town Cumulative Capital Funds; and,

Increase in annual property taxes for the Town's residential property owners and commercial property owners; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Foundation 2022 State Business Tax Climate Index lists Indiana as number one ranking for property tax; and,

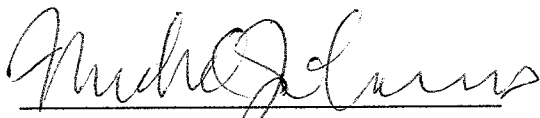
WHEREAS, Indiana consistently ranks in the top states with an attractive business tax climate, yet a community's quality of life is an increasingly greater influencer of business relocation and growth decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Santa Claus Town Council that we oppose all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal property tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the State of Indiana.

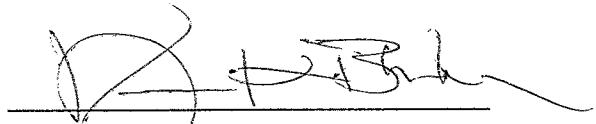
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Santa Claus, Indiana this 14th day of February, 2022.

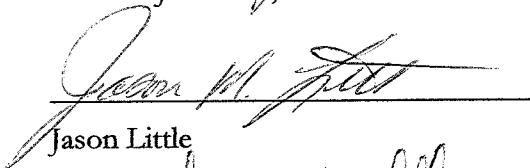
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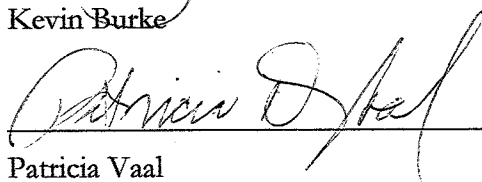
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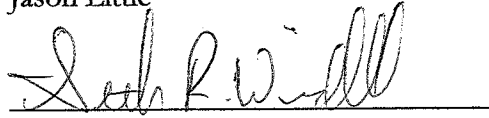
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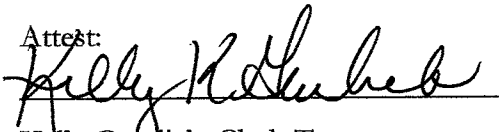


Patricia Vaal



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Attest:



Kelly Greulich, Clerk-Treasurer