

**TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06**

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF
COMPACT FEE CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (“Council”) is the legislative body for the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (“Town”); and

WHEREAS, municipalities around the state often require that in order to provide municipal services and therefore allow for development adjacent to its boundaries, such property must first be annexed by the respective municipality; and

WHEREAS, Whitestown is from time to time approached by property owners and developers adjacent to Whitestown’s boundaries that do not otherwise receive municipal services and desire services from Whitestown; and

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the control of the developers and Whitestown, such developers are unable to have their property voluntarily annexed by Whitestown; and

WHEREAS, in lieu or requiring that such property first be annexed in order to receive services from Whitestown, the Town Council has previously adopted Ordinance 2016-31, An Ordinance Authorizing and Establishing Whitestown Compact Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Fee is only charged to property owners that have agreed to pay the Compact Fee to encourage Whitestown to make services available to development adjacent to its boundaries, and is paid as a compromise (or compact) in lieu of being annexed and paying Whitestown’s full municipal tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Fee results in lower costs to the property owner than if the property paid a municipal tax rate (whether to Whitestown or another municipality providing municipal services); and

WHEREAS, the Compact Fee helps protect Whitestown residents and businesses from shouldering the cost of the direct impact that development outside of Whitestown has on Whitestown services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council understands that neighboring communities have raised concerns to other officials about the Whitestown Compact Fee and the provision of services by the Town outside of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, as a show of good faith, the Town Council desires to suspend the Compact Fee for the remainder of 2020 to provide an opportunity for the Town to engage in discussions with neighboring communities concerning the manner in which development occurs around Whitestown’s boundaries, the impacts of those developments on Whitestown’s services and infrastructure, and the appropriate manner of accounting for such impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, that the Whitestown Compact Fees will not be billed by Whitestown for the remainder of 2020, or until further determined by the Town Council. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

YAY/NAY

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Susan Austin, Vice-President

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ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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