## ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2012

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, PERMITTING PREAPPROVED PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-4-8-14, permits the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, to adopt an ordinance permitting the Clerk-Treasurer, as the City's fiscal officer, to make claim payments for certain claims in advance of approval by the Board of Public Works and Safety; and

WHEREAS, I.C. § 36-4-8-14 further requires that prior to implementation, the Board of Public Works and Safety must grant written approval permitting the Clerk-Treasurer, as the City's fiscal officer, to make claim payments for certain claims in advance of the Board of Public Works and Safety's approval; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, is desirous of assuring prompt and timely payment for the City's obligations and in doing so avoiding late fees and penalties;

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, is desirous of implementing the provisions of Indiana Code § 36-4-8-14 by adopting this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, that by adopting this Ordinance the City of Valparaiso, Indiana's Clerk-Treasurer, as the City's fiscal officer, should be and is hereby authorized and empowered to pay claims in advance of approval by the Board of Works and Public Safety for the following kind of expenses:

- 1. Property or services purchased or leased from the United States Government, its agencies or its political subdivisions.
- 2. License or permit fees.
- 3. Insurance premiums.
- 4. Utility payments or utility connection charges.
- 5. General grant programs where advance funding is not prohibited and the contracting party posts sufficient security to cover the amount advanced.
- 6. Grants of state funds authorized by statute.
- 7. Maintenance or service agreements.
- 8. Leases or rental agreements.
- 9. Bond or coupon payments.
- 10. Payroll.
- 11. State, federal, or county taxes.
- 12. Expenses that must be paid because of emergency circumstances.
- 13. Expenses described in an Ordinance.
- 14. Any claim that my incur a late fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each payment of a claim under this Ordinance must be supported by a fully itemized invoice or bill and certification by the Clerk-Treasurer and the Board of Works and Public Safety shall review and allow the claim at its next regular or special meeting following the preapproved payment of the expenditure.

If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other portion or provision of this Ordinance.

All ordinances or parts of the ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. It is provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency, and in all other respects the ordinances or parts of ordinances are hereby ratified, reestablished and confirmed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and the procedures required by law.

| City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a <u>7-0</u> vote of <u>April</u> , 2012. |
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| Jon Costas, Mayor   |
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| Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer   |
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