

1                                   **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA**

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3                                   **ORDINANCE NO. 2014—04**

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5                                   **An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code Concerning the**  
6                                   **“Maria Reiner Center” for Older City Residents**

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8                   WHEREAS, the Common Council (“Council”) of the City of Hobart (“City”), by  
9 adoption of Ordinance Number 2011-01 on March 2, 2011 established the “Maria Reiner Center”  
10 (MRC) for Older City Residents as a Department of the City, and prescribed its governance and  
11 management by a Board of Directors, and provided rules and policies for its financial support;  
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14                   WHEREAS, the Council by the adoption of Ordinance Number 2011-40 made certain  
15 amendments to Ordinance Number 2011-01, including a more efficient and economical manner  
16 of disseminating notice of Board elections to members, and allowing the Board to implement  
17 limited membership dues increases without Common Council action; and

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19                   WHEREAS, the MRC has continued to be extremely successful, attracting more than one  
20 thousand (1,000) members since its inauguration in August of 2011 and serving an average of  
21 more than 120 persons each day of operation; and

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23                   WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the MRC has requested that its implementing  
24 legislation be amended to provide for a more simple and efficient manner of choosing members  
25 of the Board; and

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27                   WHEREAS, the Council has determined that said request has merit and would contribute  
28 to the attraction and retention of qualified and active Board members and desires to enact  
29 amendments to such legislation for such purpose through this Ordinance.

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31                   THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart,  
32 Indiana as follows:

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34                   *SECTION ONE.* The Municipal Code of the City of Hobart, Indiana  
35 (“Code”), §31.062 entitled “NAME AND ORGANIZATION; BOARD OF  
36 DIRECTORS,” Subsections (A) and (B), are hereby amended by striking out all  
37 of the language contained in those Sub-sections and inserting in lieu thereof the  
38 following new language:

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40                   (A) *Board—Composition and Term.* The Board of Directors shall  
41 consist of nine (9) adult individuals, not less than five (5) of whom shall  
42 be persons at least fifty-five (55) years of age. The terms of the initial  
43 members of the Board shall be so arranged that three (3) directors shall be  
44 appointed for an initial term of three (3) years, three (3) directors  
45 appointed for an initial term of two (2) years, and the remaining three (3)  
46 directors appointed for an initial term of one (1) year. After the initial

1 terms specified above have expired, directors of the Board shall be  
2 appointed to serve for a term of three (3) years or until the director's  
3 successor shall be appointed and qualified. The Executive shall fill any  
4 vacancy among directors by appointment for the balance of the unexpired  
5 term.  
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7 (B) *Board—Appointment of Members, Officers, Meetings,*  
8 *Removal.* The City Executive shall appoint directors, without regard to  
9 political affiliation or support, from a written list of candidates for each  
10 seat selected by incumbent members of the Board of Directors. Whenever  
11 one or more vacancies on the Board of Directors arise due to the  
12 expiration of the term of any Director, or for any other reason, the  
13 Executive of the City shall notify the President of the Board in writing,  
14 and the President shall call and give notice of a meeting of the Board of  
15 Directors for the purpose of selecting a list of qualified persons from  
16 which said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled. Such notice shall be given  
17 in the same manner as other meetings of the Board. Such selection shall  
18 be made by motion or competitive vote, but no vote on said selection shall  
19 be allowed by any Board member whose seat is to be filled from the list of  
20 persons to be selected. The list of candidates shall contain the names of  
21 the persons so selected by the Directors, and the number of candidates  
22 submitted on the list shall be equal to the number of vacant seats on the  
23 Board to be filled multiplied by two (2). The list of candidates shall be  
24 delivered to the Executive in writing, and from said list the Executive shall  
25 appoint a Director or Directors sufficient to fill said vacancy or vacancies.  
26 The Board shall meet at least four (4) times each year, and shall conduct  
27 its meetings and give notice thereof in compliance with the Open  
28 Meetings Act of the State of Indiana. (I.C. §5-14-1-1, *et seq.*) At its first  
29 meeting after appointment, and, thereafter at its first meeting of each  
30 calendar year, the Board shall elect from among its members a President,  
31 Vice President and Secretary who shall serve for the term commencing  
32 with appointment and ending upon the election of their successors. The  
33 President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Maria Reiner  
34 Center Club, the Vice-President shall assist the President and preside in  
35 his or her absence, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board  
36 and meetings of the membership of the Maria Reiner Center Club, and  
37 conduct its correspondence. The City Executive may remove a Director  
38 from office only for cause, and shall provide any Director for which  
39 removal is contemplated with written notice of the allegations pertinent to  
40 such cause and an opportunity to be heard prior to removal  
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42 *SECTION TWO:* Code §31.065, entitled "MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
43 'MARIA REINER CENTER CLUB,'" is hereby amended by striking out all of the  
44 language of said Section and inserting in lieu thereof the following new language.  
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1 §31.065. MEMBERSHIP IN THE “MARIA REINER CENTER CLUB.”

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3 The Center shall be supported by a volunteer membership  
4 organization to be known as the “Maria Reiner Center Club.” Payment of  
5 the membership fee provided for in §31.064(A) shall entitle a person to  
6 membership in the Club. Any older person may become a member of the  
7 Club by filling out a brief application in the form prescribed by the Board  
8 and by paying said membership fee. The Club shall assist the Board in  
9 carrying out the Center’s program of activities, participate in fund-raising  
10 and the solicitation of community support for the Center, and advise the  
11 Board on the Center’s operations.  
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13 *SECTION THREE:* This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption  
14 in the manner required by law.  
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16 *SECTION FOUR:* All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the  
17 effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby  
18 repealed.  
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20 ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of  
21 Hobart, Indiana on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.  
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24 Brian K. Snedecor  
25 Presiding Officer  
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27 ATTEST: Deborah A. Longer  
28 DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer  
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31 PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014 at  
32 the hour of 6:38.  
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34 Deborah A. Longer  
35 DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer  
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38 APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of  
39 the City of Hobart on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.  
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41 Brian K. Snedecor  
42 BRIAN K. SNEDECOR, Mayor  
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45 ATTEST: Deborah A. Longer  
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