

GREENCASTLE CITY CODE

*THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF GREENCASTLE, INDIANA*



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Preface

The *Greencastle City Code* incorporates ordinances and resolutions which are of a general and permanent nature which have been passed since the City's date of incorporation in 1849. The 1997 codification did utilize the 1986 *City of Greencastle Code*, which was formally adopted by the Common Council through the passage of Ordinance No. 1986-7 on May 13, 1986. That *Code*, however, failed to include historical references to the original ordinances. Where possible, references are made to original ordinances when located, with other references being to the 1986 *Code*.

The *Greencastle City Code* incorporates such ordinances and resolutions through Ordinance No. 1996-23, which was passed on July 8, 1997.

Special ordinances which relate to limited or special purposes such as bond issues, specific zoning changes, salaries, budgets, appropriations, vacations of public ways, and the levying of special assessments, are not included, but have been saved from repeal.

The ordinances and resolutions contained in the *Greencastle City Code* were organized by subject matter classifications. Obsolete and conflicting provisions have been eliminated and the remaining laws have been edited and revised where necessary. To facilitate usage, the *Greencastle City Code* Chapters have been arranged with each preceded by a Chapter Table of Contents which specifically designates the material included within the Chapter.

The Comparative Tables Chapter lists all ordinances and resolutions contained in the *Greencastle City Code* chronologically by ordinance/resolution number, or the former *City Code* Section, and identifies the date of passage/adoption, the former ordinance/resolution section, and the new *Code* Section of the *Greencastle City Code*.

The General Index which appears at the end of the *Greencastle City Code* will serve as a research aid in the location of specific Sections within the *Code*. Where appropriate, the Chapters have been divided into Articles, Divisions, and Sections. Catchlines describe the historical data regarding each Section and is listed in parentheses at the end of each major Section.

Footnotes are contained throughout the *Greencastle City Code* which reference important State law citations, as well as relevant federal regulations.

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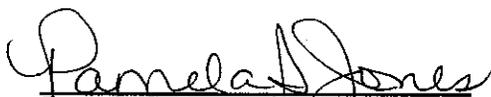
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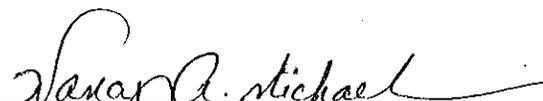
We, Mayor Nancy A. Michael, the members of the Common Council, and Pamela S. Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, of the City of Greencastle, Putnam County, the State of Indiana, pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, hereby certify that the general and permanent ordinances and resolutions of the City of Greencastle, Indiana, as revised, amended, restated, rearranged, renumbered, recodified, and presented in the following twelve (12) Chapters, are correct as printed and constitute the *Greencastle City Code*.

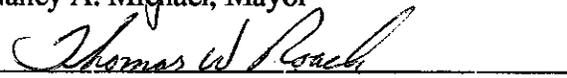
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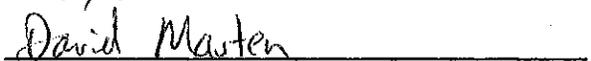

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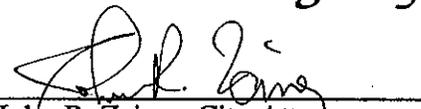

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History of the City of Greencastle, Indiana

It is through the generosity of two individuals, Ephraim Duke and John Wesley Clark, that the foundation was set for the area now designated as the City of Greencastle, Indiana. The area set aside as Putnam County was organized and officially recognized in 1822. The following year, Ephraim Duke, who had recorded his land in 1821, deeded part of his land to the County to be used as the county seat. His son-in-law, John Wesley Clark, followed Duke's magnanimous action and proceeded to deed additional lands in 1825. These two grants totaled approximately 160 acres and are the foundation of what is now the City of Greencastle.

The name "Greencastle" was bestowed on these 160 acres by Ephraim Duke. Most likely the name was derived from Duke's former hometown of Greencastle Pennsylvania. A hill in the town seemed an ideal location for the courthouse and with the Big Walnut River roaring nearby, the newborn city maintained a source of water and potential commerce.

The early years of the City of Greencastle were similar to other pioneer communities. Cabins complete with spider skillets, three-handled brass cake-turners, hickory bottom chairs, and even steel knives and forks dotted the area. Commerce by way of the Big Walnut River meandered through the town. In 1849 the City of Greencastle was incorporated and as early as 1850, the population of the young community had risen to 2589. Shops, small stores and even mills developed around the courthouse square as traders and townspeople continued to intermingle in the fledgling community.

These early years saw the growth of businesses built on local resources: i.e., hogs, wood, corn, sheep and cattle. One of the largest manufacturers of iron nails was located in Greencastle in 1870. Similar products manufactured in this location were carriages, kegs, furniture, spokes, handles, pumps, lightning rods, cigars and clothing. In the twentieth century, use of the crushed limestone prompted the development of cement manufacturers.

In 1852 the city was oriented north and west. The Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railroad a.k.a. the Vandalia, and later the Pennsylvania, encouraged development more to the south and east where subsequent annexations were completed. At one time two different railroads, the Monon which ran north-south and whose depot was located on the north side of town; and the Vandalia Depot on the south side of town, were serviced by a horse-drawn street railway system between the two depots.

In the area of education, the City of Greencastle was an early participant. In 1837, the Methodist Church in Indiana selected the City of Greecastle as its location for a college preparatory school. Initially named Indiana Asbury, this institution for higher education evolved into the college now known as DePauw University. In 1873 Franklin Perry and his wife, Eliza Jean Brannan, built a home which was sold to DePauw University in 1900. This beautiful brick and stone home, complete with balconies, towers and black walnut woodwork became the residence of the next three presidents of DePauw University.

Suffering two major fires in the downtown area during the 1870's, Greencastle continued to rebound and renew itself. Similarly the present day industries, and educational institutions continue to thrive in the nurturing atmosphere harkening to its pioneer days. Greencastle, with a population of 8,984 continues to build on its foundation of hardwork, perserverance and pride in its accomplishments.

