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**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF VERNON TOWNSHIP**

**DANIEL C. DIDECH, Township Supervisor
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WHEREAS, Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois (the "Township"), is a duly organized and existing township and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of Illinois' Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et seq.* (the "Code"), and all laws amendatory thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 85-13(a)(1)(A) of the Code authorizes the Township Supervisor (the "Supervisor") and the Township Board (the "Board") to expend funds directly or to enter into any cooperative agreements to provide for ordinary and necessary maintenance and operating expenses for public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 65(a) of the State of Illinois' Firearm Concealed Carry Act prohibits the holder of a concealed carry license from carrying a firearm on or into, among other places, any building or portion of a building under the control of a unit of local government; any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds; any public playground; and any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and the Board are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the Township's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, with the foregoing in mind, the Supervisor and the Board have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to establish gun free zones on certain property under the control of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Board of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

The statements set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Ordinance as if set forth in full.

Section 02. Establishment of Gun Free Zones.

The Board hereby establishes the following as gun free zones: (i) the Township's main office complex and adjacent park and recreation areas; (ii) the Township's community services building; (iii) William E. Peterson Park; (iv) Pekara Park; (v) Vernon Cemetery; (vi) Diamond Lake Cemetery; (vii) Prairie View Metra Train Station; (viii) all parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks owned by the Township; (ix) all vehicles owned by the Township.

Section 03. Authorization.

The officers, employees, and/or agents of the Township shall take all action necessary or reasonably required, as directed by the Supervisor, to carry out, give effect to and consummate the intent of this Ordinance and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and expend any Township funds necessary to give effect to and consummate the intent of this Ordinance. All prior actions of the Township's officials, employees and agents with respect to the subject matter of this Ordinance are hereby expressly ratified.

Section 04. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval.

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