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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OF VEHICLES
PARKED UNLAWFULLY ON COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Lake owns and operates various public buildings and facilities, including the County Courthouse, the County Administration Building, the County Jail, the Sheriff's Administration building, the Coroner's offices and morgue, among other buildings and facilities, which are served by the County parking garage and various other parking lots (County Parking Garage and Lots); and

WHEREAS, the County Parking Garage and Lots are used by employees of the County and County elected officials, as well as by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code, in particular section 11-1303 (625 ILCS 5/11-1303), prohibits parking a vehicle at any place where official signs prohibit parking; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the efficient and safe use of the County Parking Garage and Lots for the County to designate certain locations with the County Parking Garage and Lots as no parking zones; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code, in particular Sections 4-203 and 18a-302 (625 ILCS 5/4-203 and 625 ILCS 5/18a-302), the County as owner of the County Parking Garage and Lots has authority to employ a commercial relocater to remove unauthorized vehicles from its property;

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

1. Unauthorized Parking

- a. The Facilities Manager for the County of Lake is hereby authorized to designate certain areas and spaces within the County Parking Garage and Lots as No-Parking Tow-Away Zones.
- b. The Facilities Manager is further authorized to post such signage as may be required by Illinois law for designating areas within the County Parking Garage and Lots as No-Parking Tow-Away Zones.

2. Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles

- a. The Facilities Manager for the County of Lake, or his designee, is hereby authorized to designate for towing vehicles unlawfully parked in a No-Parking Tow-Away Zones.

- b. For any vehicles designated for towing pursuant to this ordinance, the Facilities Manager shall contact the Sheriff of Lake County, or his designee, to cause the removal of such unauthorized vehicles from the County Parking Garage and Lots.
- c. The Lake County Sheriff is hereby authorized to employ a commercial relocater as designated by the County of Lake's Director of Central Services for the towing of unauthorized vehicles within the County Parking Garage and Lots, as provided by this Ordinance.
- d. Cars so towed for unauthorized parking shall be stored in a safe place and shall be restored to the owner or operator of such car upon payment of the costs of towing and storage.

3. Effective date of ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2006.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Chairman, Lake County Board

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clerk, Lake County