AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE SYNOPSES WITH LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington finds it necessary for the citizens of Bloomington to be informed of the Council's business in order for them to take an active part in their City government; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes that much of the legislation (Ordinances and Resolutions) considered by it is too long, complex and technical for the typical citizen to master without spending an inordinate amount of time; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances are read by title only, which increases the citizens' difficulty in comprehending them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. Each Ordinance and Resolution submitted to the Council for its consideration shall be accompanied by a short, non-technical synopsis of the legislation, comprehensible to the typical citizen, and suitable for publication in a local paper, before the Council will consider that legislation.

Section 2. The Council staff will edit the synopsis if necessary, to clarify information or standardize format.

Section 3. The synopsis thus submitted and edited shall be filed with the legislation and become a part of the official record.

Section 4. The synopsis thus submitted and edited shall be read by the Council President whenver the legislation it accompanies is introduced at a Common Council meeting for First or Second Reading.

Section 5. PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington this 5 day of <u>February</u>, 1976.

Clem Blume, President' Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:-Connors, Deputy City Clerk

ORDINANCE 76-

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana this <u>6</u> day of <u>February</u>, 1976 at the hour of <u>2</u> o'clock <u>a.m.</u>

Nora City Clerk Deputy Connors,

APPROVED and SIGNED by me this 9 day of <u>February</u>, 1976, at the hour of 4 o'clock $2 \cdot m$.

FRANCIS X. McCLOSKEY, Mayor City of Bloomington