

CITY OF LAWRENCE EXECUTIVE'S
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Indiana ("City"); and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §10-14-3-29(a)(1) permits the Mayor as the principal executive officer to declare a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has a duty to ensure efficient government of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 coronavirus ("Coronavirus") continues to spread throughout Indiana, and based on information provided by Federal, State, and County health officials, the potential rapid spread of the Coronavirus can be mitigated by limiting public interaction; and,

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-08 directing that all residents of the State of Indiana stay at home and that all nonessential businesses and operations cease, as more specifically set forth in Executive Order 20-08; and,


WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of exposure to City employees and the public and comply with Executive Order 20-08, it is necessary to continue to limit public access to the City of Lawrence Government Center and other City of Lawrence municipal buildings, and authorize some or all employees to work from home during this emergency.

IT IS THUS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.

1. As a result of this local emergency, public access to the City of Lawrence Government Center and all other City of Lawrence municipal buildings shall be restricted to City employees and other persons deemed essential by the Office of the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Mayor's designee, and the City Clerk.
2. The Mayor hereby authorizes City departments to make the necessary arrangements and accommodations to allow essential public meetings to continue in the City of Lawrence Government Center that are critical for the operation of the City, and further for the public to participate in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order and guidance from the Public Access Counselor.
3. The City of Lawrence will continue to offer City services, though some services will be restricted or delayed during this emergency. Services deemed "Essential Services," including public safety services and sanitation, will continue to operate with adjustments as appropriate to ensure Essential Service continuity.
4. The City of Lawrence Police Department is hereby authorized to take lawful action necessary to effectuate the terms and intent of this Declaration, to reduce the risk of further spread of the Coronavirus which would reduce the efficiency of Lawrence City Government.

This Order shall expire in 7 days.

SO DECLARED THIS 24 DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


Steve Collier, Mayor, City of Lawrence, Indiana