



**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 Governor declared a public health emergency in the State of Indiana due to the COVID-19 coronavirus (“Coronavirus”) on March 6, 2020 via Executive Order 20-02; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-17 on April 3, 2020 renewing the public health emergency until May 5, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, 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WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-08 was in effect until 11:59 pm on April 6, 2020 or until such time it was rescinded, modified, or extended by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-18, directing that all residents of the State of Indiana continue to stay at home, among other matters, as more specifically set forth in Executive Order 20-18; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-18 remains in effect until 11:59 pm on April 20, 2020 or until such time it is rescinded, modified, or extended by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-22, extending provisions of prior Executive Orders and directing that all residents of the State of Indiana continue to stay at home, among other matters, as more specifically set forth Executive Order 20-22; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-22 remains in effect until 11:59 pm on May 1, 2020 or until such time it is rescinded, modified, or extended by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-25 on May 1, 2020 renewing the public health emergency until June 5, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-26 that set forth the State's Roadmap to reopen the State of Indiana in stages, as more precisely set forth therein, but which allowed local governments to impose stricter guidelines and timelines as necessary; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-26 by its terms would allow that Marion County 1 be allowed to advance to Stage 2 on May 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020 Joseph Hogsett, acting as the Mayor of Indianapolis and the Chief Executive of Marion County, as set forth in Indiana Code 36-3-3-2, issued Executive Order No. 5, 2020 declaring a local disaster emergency and a watch-level local travel advisory for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Hogsett's Executive Order states that all residents of Marion County are to stay-at-home and only travel when necessary; and,

WHEREAS, as the City of Lawrence is located in Marion County and subject to the administrative power of Mayor Hogsett as the Chief Executive Officer of Marion County pursuant to Indiana law, his Executive Order No. 5, 2020 applies to the City of Lawrence and our residents; and,

WHEREAS, to comply with Chief Executive Hogsett's mandate and in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to City employees and the public, it is necessary to declare a local emergency in the City of Lawrence; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the local emergency, 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 Orders 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,"



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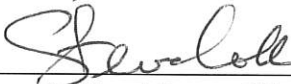
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including public safety services and sanitation, will continue to operate with adjustments as appropriate to ensure Essential Service continuity.

4. The City of Lawrence Police Department is hereby authorized to take lawful action necessary to effectuate the terms and intent of this Declaration.

This Order shall expire in 7 days.

SO DECLARED THIS 12 DAY OF MAY, 2020.

  
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Steve Collier, Mayor, City of Lawrence, Indiana

For questions concerning Mayor Hogsett's Executive Order, please contact the City of Indianapolis Mayor's Action Center at (317) 327-4622 or the Marion County Health Department at (317) 221-2000, option 1.

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