

**Disaster Emergency Declaration
2020-09**

Delaware County, Indiana

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, on March 13, 2020, has declared a nationwide emergency concerning the spread of COVID-19 viral infections, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Indiana, on March 16, 2020, has made an emergency declaration in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer has determined that certain measures should be put into place to lessen the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus including the closing of some local businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I. C. 10-14-3-29(a) the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, IN hereby makes a local disaster emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has adopted Executive Orders 20-25 and 20-26 as map for continued protection from the COVID-19 threat as well as a map of reopening the State and County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana have determined that in response to the emergency believes that the Governor's order should be made a part of the County's Emergency Declaration for consistency and continuity and that the Emergency Declaration of April 24, 2020 should be extended.

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

1. A local disaster emergency continues to exist in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the entire County, including incorporated areas for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption. **This Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall be in place until the end of business May 8, 2020.**

2. The Board of Commissioners adopt the Governor's Executive Order 20-26 in whole as part of their emergency declaration and plan to return to get back on track.
3. The County government shall continue to operate, but commencing on May 6, 2020 the elected officials and department heads shall commence operation pursuant to the office holder's plan for scheduling and operations. Any member of the public that is required to meet with any county employee in person shall be set by appointment, escorted to the office and shall be required to wear a face mask or other covering which covers the person's mouth and nose during their of their business in the County Building.
4. The Governor's Executive Order 20-25 is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Emergency Declaration.
5. In instances where an individual must visit a retail business, the business shall follow the proper social distancing requirements in Executive Order 20-26 and the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
6. The County building and facilities shall be open to the public, by appointment only by May 11, 2020.
7. All individuals are encouraged and should wear masks when going out to essential businesses, grocery stores or outside of their residence for any essential purpose.
8. This Emergency Declaration shall supersede and replace all prior Emergency Declarations made the by Board of Commissioners prior to this Emergency Order.
9. The Commissioners determine that all government operations are essential as the government operations from March 23, 2020 to the present and all essential governmental functions are operating and available to the public through remote or electronic access, as needed.

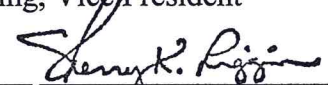
10. The Commissioners also shall continue the provisions of Resolution 2020-08 concerning the payment of claims and payment for county employees.
11. Violations of this order will be turned over to the Governor's Enforcement Response Team as set forth in Executive Order 20-26 for investigation and enforcement.
12. This Emergency Order shall remain valid for a period of seven (7) days from the date that this Emergency order was adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 1st day of May 2020 at 3:33 p.m. o'clock p.m.

Delaware County Board of Commissioners


Shannon Henry, President


James King, Vice President


Sherry Riggin, Member

Attest:


Steven G. Craycraft, County Auditor