Joint Disaster Emergency Declaration

Delaware County, Indiana
City of Muncie, 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 and the Mayor of the City of Muncie, IN hereby makes a local disaster emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Muncie concurs in the declaration of a local disaster that will extend greater than seven (7) days.

WHEREAS, Delaware County, Indiana and the City of Muncie has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a natural disaster with regard to the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 virus.

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, IN HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

1. A local disaster emergency exists in the County and City 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 County and City 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.
2. Based upon the recommendation of the County Health Officer all local barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms, recreational sports facilities, indoor play areas, private clubs and fraternal organizations shall be closed to the public.
3. All county and city offices and buildings or facilities shall be closed to the general public and may be accessed by the public via appointment only. Only those people that have actual hearings with the Delaware County Circuit courts and Muncie City Court as well as only

those people that are actually subpoenaed or summoned to appear in a hearing shall be permitted access into the Justice Center and City Hall as well as the attorneys for those matters as well.

4. All establishments with gatherings of more than 10 people are encouraged to practice the proper social distancing and proper cleaning per the CDC guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus.
5. Any and all employees that exhibit symptoms of any illness prior to coming to work or during the work day shall not report and/or leave the work place until such time as they are symptom free or have not had a fever for more than 24 hours, only if they are not diagnosed with COVID-19.
6. This emergency declaration shall be enacted and made effective as to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 until further order of the Executive of the City and/or the County.
7. All public offices and employees of Delaware County, Indiana and the City of Muncie, IN are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.
8. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.
9. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Delaware County Emergency Operations Center.
10. The Board of Commissioners of Delaware County and the Mayor of the City of Muncie may implement stricter requirements in the future such as reducing work schedules, work at home rules, closing county facilities and non-emergency operations and other actions necessary to protect the employees and the general public from the spread of COVID-19.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Delaware County Board of Commissioners

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Shannon Henry, President

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James King, Vice President

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Sherry Riggin, Member

Attest: _____

_____ County Auditor

Mayor, City of Muncie, IN

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Dan Ridenour, Mayor

City Council, Muncie, IN

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Brad Polk, President