

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA**

2020-EO-3

DIRECTIVE FOR RESIDENTS OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA TO STAY AT HOME

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (hereinafter “COVID-19”) is a severe respiratory illness; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a rapidly spreading virus that is transmitted from human-to-human contact and results in a range of symptoms, including the possibility of fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia, and death; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb adopted Executive Order 20-02 declaring that a public health disaster emergency exists in the State of Indiana attributable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 a local disaster emergency was declared to exist in the City of Charlestown, Indiana, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-EO-1; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Common Council for the City of Charlestown, Indiana adopted resolution 2020-R-3 affirming the existence of a local public health disaster emergency in the City of Charlestown, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb adopted Executive Order 20-08 which directed all individuals living in the State of Indiana to stay at their home or place of residence, except for the performance of certain activities deemed essential; and

WHEREAS, the first confirmed death in Clark County, Indiana as the result of COVID-19 occurred March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States, recognizing the ongoing threat to the public health and well-being of COVID-19, extended national social distancing guidelines through April 30; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box predicts that the number of Indiana’s COVID-19 infections will peak in mid- to late April 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is necessary to prevent serious health, welfare, and safety consequences that may result in the event that the residents of the City of Charlestown, Indiana should relax social distancing protocol prematurely; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29.5(a) grants the Mayor the authority to issue a local travel advisory upon the declaration of a local disaster emergency, limiting travel and activities during the emergency period.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Charlestown, Indiana, I, Treva Hodges, do hereby establish as follows:

SECTION 1. I acknowledge and declare that a local disaster emergency continues to exist. The disaster declaration of the Common Council of the City of Charlestown, Indiana has not expired and will not do so until the Council declares that the current public health disaster emergency has ended;

SECTION 2. I declare a warning-level local travel emergency effective 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020. Consistent with Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29.5, individuals shall refrain from all travel in Charlestown, Indiana except travel falling into one of the following categories:

- a. Necessary travel related to buying food and beverages; buying medicine or other items necessary to maintain health while remaining at home; buying products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential operations of home and essential travel; volunteer activity directly related to management and mitigation of the present emergency, including volunteering at any organization serving vulnerable members of the community as well as blood donation; visiting and providing care and supplies to a family member or vulnerable individual; travel required by law enforcement or court order; receiving materials for distance learning;
- b. Travel for outdoor activities that can be pursued while observing the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control regarding social distancing, including maintaining six feet of separation from any individual who is not a fellow household member;
- c. Travel necessary to support essential businesses and operations as defined in Executive Order 20-08 issued by Governor Eric J. Holcomb;
- d. Travel for an employee who performs minimum basic operations for a closed business, including those activities necessary to preserve the value of a business's inventory, equipment, and premises, those activities necessary to process payroll and benefits, and those activities necessary to continue to allow employees to work remotely;

SECTION 3. Anyone engaging in travel authorized in this Order should observe the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and should observe responsible practices to help limit the spread of COVID-19;

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-34, a person who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this Order commits a Class B misdemeanor;

SECTION 5. This Order shall remain in effect until the earlier of: such time as the Common Council for the City of Charlestown, Indiana declares that the local disaster emergency has ended; or until April 30, 2020, unless extended by further executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Charlestown to be affixed hereto this 3rd day of April, 2020

Treva Hodges, Mayor

Submitted to, and filed in the office of the Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Charlestown.

Date

Donna Coomer
City Clerk-Treasurer

Witness:

Date

Mickey Weber, City Attorney