



**CITY OF LAWRENCE EXECUTIVE'S**  
**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER 17-20**

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 the Governor most recently renewed the public health emergency via Executive Order 20-49, which will expire on December 31, 2020 unless renewed; and,

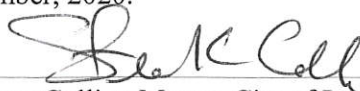
WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of exposure to City employees and the public, it is necessary to declare a local emergency in the City of Lawrence solely to limit public access to the City of Lawrence Government Center and other City of Lawrence municipal buildings.

**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 public meetings to continue in the City of Lawrence Government Center, and further for the public to participate both in person and virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders and guidance from the Public Access Counselor. The public is encouraged to attend public meetings virtually if possible. Information on how to attend the meetings virtually can be found on the City's website or by calling the Mayor's Office.
3. The City of Lawrence will continue to offer City services, though some services could 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.

This Order shall expire at 11:59 pm on December 13, 2020.

SO DECLARED THIS 7th DAY OF December, 2020.

  
Steve Collier, Mayor, City of Lawrence, Indiana