



TOWN EXECUTIVE'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the duly elected Town Council President of the Town of Pendleton, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §10-14-3-29(a)(1) permits the Town Council President to declare a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council has a duty to ensure efficient government of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of exposure to Town employees and the public, it is necessary to temporarily limit public access to the Pendleton Town Hall at 100 West State Street; and

WHEREAS, based on COVID-19 coronavirus ("Coronavirus") information available at the time, the undersigned, on March 10, 2020, executed a Declaration of Emergency to help ensure efficient government of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, since the March 10, 2020 Declaration, new information has been provided to the undersigned, including information contained in the March 11, 2020 Presidential Address, and the World Health Organization declaration of the Coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure efficient government of the Town; and protect Town employees and the general public, it is necessary to immediately restrict public access to Pendleton Town Hall.

IT IS THUS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE TOWN OF PENDLETON.

As a result of this local emergency, public access to Pendleton Town Hall shall be restricted to Town employees and other personnel deemed essential by the undersigned, acting Town Manager, Fire Chief, Town Marshal, or Clerk-Treasurer.

In addition, effective immediately, all public meetings of Town agencies and boards shall be cancelled while this declaration is in effect.

With the exception of public access to Pendleton Town Hall, all Town Departments, including First Responders, are to continue to operate as normal during the pendency of this Emergency. Citizens making utility payments are instructed to utilize the drop box attached to the Town Hall or make an online payment.

The Pendleton Town Marshall, Pendleton Fire Chief, Pendleton Police Department, and Pendleton Fire Department, are hereby authorized to take lawful action necessary to effectuate the terms and intent of this Declaration, to reduce the risk of further spread of the Coronavirus pandemic which would reduce the efficiency of Pendleton Town Government.

SO DECLARED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

This Order shall expire in 7 days

Chet W. Babb

Chet Babb, Town Council President
Town of Pendleton, Indiana