CITY OF LOGANSPORT EXECUTIVE’S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the undersigned, is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Logansport, Indiana (“City”); and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29(a)(1) permits the Mayor as the principal executive officer of the City to declare a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has a duty to ensure safe and efficient government for the City; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 coronavirus (“Coronavirus”) has spread to Indiana, and based on information provided to my office by Federal, State, and County health officials, the potential rapid spread of the Coronavirus can be mitigated by limiting public interaction; and,

WHEREAS, to reduce the risk of exposure to City employees and the public, it is necessary to temporarily limit public access to the City of Logansport’s City Building and other City of Logansport municipal buildings, and authorize some or all employees to work from home during this emergency.

IT IS THUS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT.

1. As a result of this local emergency, public access to the City of Logansport’s City Building and all other City of Logansport municipal buildings shall be restricted to City employees and other persons deemed essential by the Office or the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, the Mayor’s designee, and the City Clerk-Treasurer.

2. The Mayor hereby authorizes the Board of Public Works & Safety to make the necessary arrangements and accommodations to allow public meetings to continue in the City of Logansport City Building that are currently scheduled and are necessary to conduct essential City business and for the public to attend and participate in accordance with Indiana’s Open Door Law.

3. The City of Logansport will continue to offer City services, though some services may 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 Logansport Police Department is 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 which would reduce the efficiency of Logansport City Government.
5. We are closing all parks effective March 18, 2020. The restrooms and facilities will be locked down. People will be able to utilize the open spaces and trails for walking and jogging. Recreational equipment will not be sanitized. Parents and residents are urged to use their common sense and avoid contact with other people and park structures.

6. It is the intent of this order that the City, its elected and appointed officials and employees will continue to coordinate all reasonable efforts with Cass County, local Township, State and Federal governments and their representatives to protect the health and welfare of our citizens.

This Order shall expire in 7 days pending approval of the Logansport City Council.


Chris Martin, Mayor
City of Logansport, Indiana