



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-04

WHEREAS, the undersigned, is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Knox, Indiana (“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 interests; and,

WHEREAS, on or around March 6, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02, declaring COVID-19 a public health emergency and since then as issued several Executive Orders listing directives to control and reduce the global threat presented by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has issued a statement that community-based interventions such as school dismissals, event cancellations, social distancing can help slow the spread of COVID-19. The CDC further recommends that individuals can practice everyday prevention measures like frequent hand washing, staying home when sick and covering coughs and sneezes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Knox will continue to adhere to the guidelines issued by Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the CDC as new information becomes available in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Knox, Starke County, Indiana, it is hereby declared that:

1. All City of Knox Parks will continue to remain open for limited use. In addition to the parks being available for walking, hiking, running or biking, the following amenities will now be open with the following restrictions:

Basketball Courts – Practice and conditioning only, no team competitions.
Baseball/Softball Fields and Dugouts – No use of the dugouts, practice and conditioning only, no team competitions.
Pickleball Courts
Skate Park
Bathrooms

The following park amenities will remain closed until further notice.

Shelters
Playground / Exercise Equipment
Splash Pad
Drinking Fountains

Visitors must utilize the rules of social distancing during any activity that includes interaction with other members of the public. Social gatherings of up to 100 people may take place while following the CDC social distancing guidelines.

2. Stop the Spread of COVID-19 - Remember to wash your hands often, cough or sneeze into your elbow, avoid touching your face, stay more than 6ft apart and if you're sick - stay home.

This Order will be in effect immediately upon my signature and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Signed this 4th day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Estok", written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Estok, Mayor
City of Knox, Indiana