

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-06

**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 continued 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, wearing a face mask 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2020 Governor Holcomb rescinded the measures and restrictions set forth in Stage 5 (Executive Order 20-46) of the Back on Track staging and moved beyond the Stage 5 and began utilizing a county-by-county process that affects gathering sizes based on each County’s positivity rate on the color-coded metrics map. Currently Starke County is coded as Orange. Social gatherings of any kind, inside or outside, are now limited to 50 people.

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

1. Public access to the City of Knox City Hall and all other City of Knox municipal buildings shall be closed to the public effective Thursday, November 19, 2020 until further notice and only accessible to City employees and other persons deemed essential by the Office of the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the City Clerk-Treasurer. All Police, Fire, Utility, and Planning and Code Enforcement

services will remain operational. Residents are encouraged to use the payment drop-box and on-line or phone services for payments.

2. The Knox Community Center will remain open and available for gatherings under 50. (Please note if Starke County changes to RED on the map, that number will decrease to 25).
3. City Council and other Boards and Commissions will meet to conduct essential City business. However, these meetings are subject to change and may be modified accordingly to meet current restrictions.
4. The City of Knox 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, planning and code enforcement will continue to operate with adjustments as appropriate to ensure employee and public safety.

Please call for appointments for other essential business requests such as inspections, code enforcement, permits and/or utility related issues.


**MAYOR'S OFFICE 772-4553**  
**CLERK-TREASURER/WATER UTILITY 772-3032**  
**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 772-4122**  
**FIRE NON-EMERGENCY 772-4141**  
**PLANNING/CODE ENFORCEMENT 772-5445**

**KNOX CITY COURT:** If you have a question regarding a court date, general court questions or a concern, please call the **KNOX CITY COURT office at 772-3766.**

5. 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 or more apart, wear a face mask/covering, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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Dennis Estok, Mayor  
City of Knox, Indiana