

**RESOLUTION TO RESTRICT REQUESTS
TO COUNTY COUNCIL TO ESSENTIAL FISCAL MATTERS
RESOLUTION NO. CO. R-04-20-008**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency for the COVID-19 virus pursuant to Executive Order 20-02 and Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12 ("Executive Order 20-02"); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-04, which sets forth additional directives with respect to COVID-19 ("Executive Order 20-04"); and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Dr. Kenneth Spear, requested the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County to declare a local emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners, issued a "Joint Local Emergency Proclamation for the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana" (the "Original Joint Emergency Proclamation"), which among other things:

declared that a state of emergency exists in the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County,

invoked and declared those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions that have caused the issuance of the proclamation to be in full force and effect in the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana for the exercise of all emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption, and

directed that all public offices and employees of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana exercise the utmost diligence and discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives - state and local; and

WHEREAS, the Original Joint Emergency Proclamation was amended by "Amendment No. 1 to Joint Local Emergency Proclamation dated March 19, 2020 ("Amendment No. 1"); and was further amended by Amendment No. 2 to the Joint Local Emergency Proclamation dated March 23, 2020 ("Amendment No. 2"); and by Amendment No. 3 to Joint Local Emergency Proclamation dated March 24, 2020 ("Amendment No. 3" and, together with the Original Joint Proclamation, Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, the "Joint Emergency Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-08 - "Directive for Hoosiers to Stay at Home" which expired at 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020 ("Executive Order 20-08"); and on April 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-17 which extended Executive Order No. 20-02 to May 5, 2020 or such other dates as set forth therein ("Executive Order No. 20-17"); and on April 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-18 (Continued Directive for Hoosiers to Stay at Home; Extension of Continuity of Operations of Government; and Extension of Executive Orders Pertaining to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverages) which replaces Executive Order 20-08 ("Executive Order 20-18"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh County Commissioners have determined that the term of the Joint Emergency Proclamation should incorporate the terms of, and be coterminous with, Executive Order 20-02 as supplemented by Executive Order 20-04, Executive Order 20-09, Executive Order 20-10, Executive Order 20-11, Executive Order 20-17 and Executive Order 20-18 (collectively, the "Executive Orders");

WHEREAS, policies established by or in response to the Governor's various Executive Orders and Emergency Proclamations by the Mayor of the City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners have and will result in substantial loss in tax revenues to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council believes that in the best interest of Vanderburgh County to control expenditures from the County funds in order to preserve funds available to operate County government due to anticipated shortfalls in the budgets and reductions in revenues in 2020 and subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council deems it necessary to restrict requests to come before County Council to essential fiscal matters or to emergency or extraordinary circumstances.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Vanderburgh County Council as follows:

The County Council will only consider requests concerning essential or fiscal matters and/or requests needed by offices and departments for emergency or extraordinary circumstances. When requests are to be made before the County Council for transfers, appropriations, and/or to fill vacancies and positions, such requests shall be reviewed by the President of the County Council and evaluated on a case-by-case basis as to whether such requests or items will be placed upon the agenda or considered or voted upon at a meeting. The procedure for the Sheriff to fill the vacancies of jail confinement officers and the courts to fill vacancies of court reporters and bailiffs will continue as set forth in Vanderburgh County Council Ordinance CO. 01-20-001. The President of County Council is hereby given the authority to sign all official documents, resolutions, motions and ordinances on behalf of County Council without the necessity of other Councilmembers signing.

This Resolution shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020 unless otherwise amended, modified or rescinded by the Vanderburgh County Council.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2020, by the Vanderburgh County Council.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL


Tom Shetler, Jr., President

ATTEST:


Brian Gerth, Auditor