

Ordinance 2020-26
Monroe County BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Extending the COVID-19
Monroe County Emergency Declaration

Come now the Monroe County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”), who, through Ordinance 2020-16 ratified the Presiding Officers March 16th declaration of emergency and extending it to April 1st, and state the following:

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Indiana Governor, Eric J. Holcomb, issued Executive Order 20-02, placed a “stay in place” order; and

WHEREAS, when the Governor utilizes his executive authority to declare an emergency, Indiana Code 10-14-3-12 and 10-14-3-17, provide political subdivisions the ability to respond and to waive procedures and formalities, where necessary; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Monroe County Code 450, extended the Monroe County emergency declaration until April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 25th, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners extended the emergency declaration until April 16, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on April 15th, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners extended the emergency declaration until May 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29th, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners extended the emergency until May 15th; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1st, the Governor of Indiana, in an executive order, required every entity to produce a back to work plan; and,

WHEREAS, because Indiana is facing a Public Health Emergency and because of the pressure, uncertainty, and financial tension resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners wish to extend the emergency until May 30, 2020 and incorporate Monroe County back to work plan into the emergency order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency Status Extension

Through the authority granted to Monroe County government by various provisions of state and local law, including but not limited to Indiana Code 10-14-3-17 and Monroe County Code Chapter 450, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and extend the emergency through May 30, 2020.

Section 2. Effect on Ordinance 2020-16

All other provisions of Ordinance 2020-16 remain in effect.

Section 3. Incorporation of Monroe County’s Continuity of Government - Infectious Disease Plan.

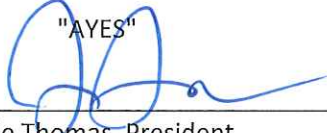
The Commissioners hereby incorporate the Commissioner issued Continuity of Government - Infectious Disease Plan as part of the emergency response. The plan may be amended by the Commissioners without amending this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date and Severability

This Ordinance takes effect upon passage by Monroe County Board of Commissioners. Any subsequent legal or administrative action which may be necessary for the furtherance of this Ordinance is hereby authorized. Should any provision of this Ordinance be found unenforceable or invalid, the remaining portions remain in effect.

Ordinance 2020- 26 is hereby approved this 13th day of May 2020, by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana.

"AYES"



Julie Thomas, President



Lee Jones, Vice President



Penny Githens, Member

ATTEST:



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