

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA CONCERNING THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (“Council”) is the legislative body of the Town of Whitestown (“Town”) and acts in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the spread of novel coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) is a serious public health threat that has resulted in the declaration of emergencies at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 and the steps taken to slow the spread of the virus are expected to have an extraordinary adverse economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to take action to help alleviate the spread and impact of COVID-19 to its employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Public Access Counselor for the State of Indiana have advised and directed local governments to cancel or otherwise limit all non-essential meetings; and

WHEREAS, during this public health emergency, the Governor has suspended the operation of various rules and restrictions relating the operations of local government to help alleviate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town provides certain essential services, operations, and functions that should, to the extent possible, continue during and through the public health emergency presented by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to ensure that the Town Manager and Town Council President have the authority to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to help combat and provide relief related to the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to ensure the essential operations of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29, the Town Council and Town Council President hereby declare a local disaster emergency effective until further order of the Council. The Town Council further acknowledges and consents that during the local disaster emergency, the Town Council President may declare and implement a local travel emergency pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29.5 and restrict travel within the Town as the Town Council President may deem necessary or appropriate under applicable law.

Section 2. The Town Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized, without further approval of the Council, to take such actions as he deems necessary or appropriate, with consultation of the Town Council President and Vice President, Town staff, and Town consultants as may be needed, to help alleviate the spread and impact of COVID-19 while maintaining the essential operations of the Town. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, closing or restricting access to Town offices, buildings, facilities, parks, trails, or other

property of the Town, requiring some or all Town employees and/or officials to refrain from coming to their work stations, determining essential governmental functions and identifying employees and/or contractors necessary to the performance of those functions, paying regular and customary claims as well as emergency claims, executing necessary or customary contracts and emergency contracts, making or approving purchases necessary for the operations of the Town, requiring employees to respond to emergencies, and taking other actions necessary or appropriate in order to ensure the continued operation of the Town under the circumstances.

Section 3. Any claims that are not already pre-approved may be approved for immediate payment by either the Town Council President or Vice President, and as with other pre-approved claims, will be submitted for subsequent approval at the first available meeting of the Council. As claims must still be supported by a fully itemized invoice or bill.

Section 4. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, deposits of Town funds may occur not less than two (2) times per week. Deposits must be made at least on each Tuesday and Thursday, and the Clerk Treasurer shall ensure that all Town funds are secured on those days when a deposit is not made.

Section 5. Pursuant to Ordinance 2019-29, the Town Council hereby ratifies and grants its approval for the Town Council President to continuously provide Emergency Stay Home Pay to Town employees until further notice of the Town Council.

Section 6. All Town boards and commissions are encouraged to cancel all non-essential meetings during the COVID-19 public health emergency, or otherwise utilize technology for remote attendance and in a manner that allows for public observation or, where required, public comment. To that end, all meetings (including but not limited to the agenda, time, place, and format of the meeting) of Town boards and commissions must be pre-approved by the Town Council President or Vice President during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 7. All disconnections of sewer or water service due to non-payment or delinquencies are hereby suspended during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Town Manager is further authorized to waive late fees and delinquency charges and interest incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 8. This Resolution supersedes any other inconsistent rules, regulations, or resolutions of the Town, and shall be in full force and effect after its adoption until further resolution of the Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

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