

# Public Access To City Hall By Appointment Only All City Services Operating By Appointment Only All Meetings Virtual Through December 31, 2020

Muncie, IN- Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> until Thursday December 31st, the City Hall building will be open to the public by appointment only.

In order to protect employees and the public from unnecessary exposure of COVID-19, individuals looking to do business with the City are encouraged to call City Hall (765) 747-4845. City employees will be in attendance in the City Hall building, but all efforts will be made to conduct business over the phone. Appointments are to be made for any services needing to be conducted in person with all City Departments.

Effective immediately, per executive order of the Mayor, all City meetings are to be conducted virtualy through the end of the year.

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Muncie, Indiana

Incorporated in 1865, the City of Muncie is a welcoming and ambitions community. The municipality has a population of approximately 70,085 residents, and is located in the heart of East-Central Indiana. Muncie prides itself as being a central hub for commerce, recreation, and development. Home to quality education, technology driven development, and a friendly populous. Muncie is proud to be "The Capital of East-Central Indiana"

# City of Muncie, Indiana Executive Department Executive Order 12-15-2020

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Muncie Code of Ordinances 93.65 – 93.68, the Mayor of the City of Muncie, IN hereby makes a local civil emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muncie has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a natural disaster with regard to the outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Ridenour, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Muncie, Indiana, by the Indiana Constitution, the laws of the State of Indiana, and the ordinances of the City of Muncie, do hereby order:

#### 1. Duration of this Executive Order

a. On December 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2020, all citizens and other individuals in the City must adhere to the directives in this Executive Order unless rescinded, modified, or extended.

## 2. Muncie City Hall and Public Meetings

- a. All City offices and buildings or facilities shall remain open to the general public by appointment only.
- b. All boards and commissions are required to use technology for remote public attendance by the general public.

#### 3. Muncie City Employees

- a. Any and all employees that exhibit symptoms of any illness prior to coming to work or during the work day shall not report and/or leave the work place until such time as they are symptom free or have not had a fever for more than twenty-four (24) hours, only if they are not diagnosed with COVID-19.
- b. All public offices and employees of the City of Muncie, Indiana are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives state and local.

#### 4. No Limitation on Authority

a. Nothing in this Executive Order shall, in any way, alter or modify any existing legal authority allowing the City or any other proper entity from ordering (a) any quarantine or isolation that may require an individual to remain inside a particular residential property or medical facility for a limited period of time, including the

duration of this public health emergency; or (b) any closure of a specific location for a limited period of time, including the duration of this public health emergency.

### 5. Savings Clause

a. If any provision of this Executive Order, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared to be severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Dan Ridenour, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Muncie, Indiana, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Dan Ridenour

Mayor of the City of Muncie, Indiana

Attest:

Belinda Munson

Clerk of the City of Muncie, Indiana