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EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-03

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON ADJUSTMENTS TO MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER DATED JULY 17, 2020

PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW,
INCLUDING INDIANA CODE §§ 36-8-2-4 and 5, and § 36-1-3 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana (“City”) recognizes the significant challenges presented by the novel coronavirus disease, also known as “COVID-19,” which has posed a serious public health threat to our community and was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Indiana’s Governor declared a statewide disaster emergency pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3 in his Executive Order 20-02, which has been renewed five times, most recently in Executive Order 20-38 which expires on September 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 17th, the Monroe County Health Department issued a Public Health Order (“County Order”), citing “the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the recent increase of new cases nationwide with a trend towards cases in a younger population, Monroe County’s increasing and dynamic population, and [the need] to ensure that physical distancing and preventive measures vital to the mitigation of the pandemic remain in place;” and

WHEREAS, the County Order was effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., with the exception of measures outlined in Paragraphs 7-9 of the County Order, which had an effective date of July 31st at 12:00 noon, and the County Order remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City wholeheartedly supported the provisions of the County Order, but believed that due to circumstances and conditions within its boundaries, including its population mix of full-time residents and Indiana University students hailing from across the country, the City needed to expedite the effective dates for the requirements of Paragraphs 7-9 of the County Order for the protection of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City therefore issued Executive Order 20-02 on July 20th, which expedited the effective date of the requirements of Paragraphs 7-9 of the County Order to July 23rd at 12:00 noon, and this Executive Order expired on August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to wholeheartedly support the provisions of the County Order, but with the return of Indiana University students for the fall

semester, the City believes that it again needs to take additional action to protect the health and safety of the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, it is hereby ordered:

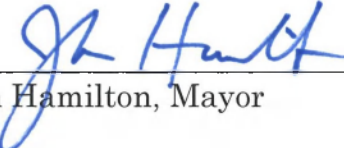
1. **Within the City of Bloomington, the requirements of Paragraph 7 of the County Order shall be modified as set forth in this Paragraph 1 and such modification shall be effective on August 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).** As of that date and time, gatherings at all non-commercial events held within the boundaries of the City of Bloomington shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) persons. Such gatherings include private gatherings or those held at a personal residence (including fraternities and sororities located in the City of Bloomington and on or off the Indiana University campus). Face covering and physical distancing requirements apply to these gatherings. In addition, any person or organization may apply to the City of Bloomington for an exemption from the gathering size limit imposed in this Executive Order. The application for exemption is attached to this Order as Exhibit A and will be posted on the City's website. The City will only approve an exemption if the applicant demonstrates that the gathering allows for appropriate physical distancing and use of face coverings.

2. Except as set forth above, all other provisions of the County Order shall be applicable in the City of Bloomington as written in the County Order.

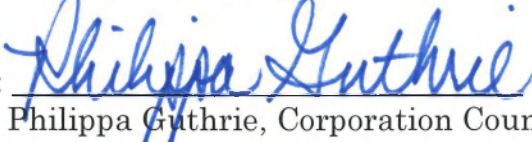
3. Executive Order No. 20-03 is hereby established, is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2020.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

By: 
John Hamilton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: 
Philippa Guthrie, Corporation Counsel