COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-5
Closing the Courthouse Ordinance
Vermillion County, Indiana

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE COURTHOUSE TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County that a further need exists to address the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus for protection of the citizens of Vermillion County.

Therefore the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County by its inherent authority and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 20-08 is now closing the Vermillion County Courthouse to the public.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Vermillion County Commissioners that:

SECTION 1. Courthouse Deputies, Officeholders and Employees are hereby instructed to close and lock the doors to the Courthouse and not allow the public entrance.

SECTION 2. Officeholders and their employees shall be allowed to enter the Courthouse.

SECTION 3. Each individual office holder is encouraged to determine which of their staff could work from home or otherwise not be physically present inside the Courthouse and make such arrangements as will minimize the number of persons coming and going from the building each day.

SECTION 4. Each office holder is to consider the duties of their office and the Essential Activities and Essential Businesses and Operations described in Executive Order 20-08. To the extent that a person is engaged in an Essential Activity or an Essential Business or Operation then is it encouraged that each office holder assist those persons as the duties of their office might require.

SECTION 5. IF an office holder has determined that a person engaged in Essential Activities, Business or Operations needs access to the Courthouse in order to perform those Essential Activities, Business or Operations that that office holder shall assign someone to monitor that person the entire time that they are inside the Courthouse.

SECTION 6. No person who is visibly ill shall be admitted to the courthouse regardless of their status. This includes elected officials, employees, and persons engaged in Essential Activities, Business or Operations. Courthouse deputies are authorized to order any person who is visibly ill to leave the Courthouse.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall remain in effect until the morning of April 7th unless it is extended.

SECTION 8. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Adopted and passed by Vermillion County Board of Commissioners this 31st day of March, 2020.

President

ATTEST: Amy L. Wilbert
Auditor of Vermillion County