

RESOLUTION 2020-xx

**Authorize Mayor to Enter Contracts
for COVID-19 Emergency Response Efforts**

WHEREAS, Governor Eric J. Holcomb declared a public health disaster emergency in Indiana attributable to the detection of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) within the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has continued spread throughout the State of Indiana, with confirmed cases now present in Elkhart County;

WHEREAS, the City of Goshen must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the delivery of vital public services are not interrupted;

WHEREAS, the City of Goshen Common Council created a budget line and has committed funding for the City’s efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to otherwise respond to the effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, and the City of Goshen needs to move quickly to take action to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the City;

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety find that it is necessary and appropriate to delegate to Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman authority to enter contracts deemed necessary for appropriate response to the COVID-19, subject to Board ratification at the next scheduled meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Goshen Board of Public Works and Safety that:

A. Mayor Jeremy P. Stutsman is authorized to enter into contracts for the City of Goshen’s COVID-19 response efforts and to approve invoices or bill for goods or services purchased for the City’s COVID-19 response efforts.

B. The authority given under Paragraph A above shall remain in effect only for so long as the declared public health disaster emergency remains in effect, or until this Board terminates such authorization, whichever occurs sooner.

PASSED by the Goshen Board of Public Works and Safety on March 23, 2020.

Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor

Mary Nichols, Member

Michael A. Landis, Member