

**TOWN OF HIGHLAND
ENACTMENT (ORDINANCE)
ENACTMENT NO. 2020-20**

**AN ENACTMENT EXPRESSING A FINDING AND DETERMINATION
THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY AND CONFERRING SPECIAL AUTHORITY ON THE
MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND**

Whereas, From time to time circumstances exist such that an exigency occurs that could not reasonably be foreseen and that threatens the public health, welfare, or safety and requires immediate action; and

Whereas, The President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Indiana have issued emergency declarations in consequence of the Corona Virus COVID-19 Pandemic;

Whereas, It is of vital public interest that continuity of government operations be preserved and supported during the national, state and local responses to the current exigency;

Whereas, It is expected that the Town of Highland, through its Town Council President, as the principal executive officer will issue a finding and determination that an emergency exists sufficient to support the declaration of a *Local Disaster Emergency*, all pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29;

Whereas, In order to allow the lawful alacrity of response and action by the public resources of the Town of Highland, the Town Council President, as municipal executive, should be expressly granted such authority to act for the town, in the interest of administrative efficiency and where the public good requires it, the Highland Town Council desires to authorize certain emergency powers consistent with IC 10-14-3-29;

Now Therefore be it hereby Enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. That in the event the Town Council President, pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29, issues a proclamation stating, that there now exists a local disaster emergency in the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, to be continued for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of its entry, except by the consent of the Town Council as the governing body of the Town of Highland;

Section 2. That subject to law, that this enactment serves as approval of the governing body that it grants the Town Council President, to act during the local exigency for three additional periods of authority, bringing the period to twenty-eight (28) days, after which, such authority will require action by the Town Council as the legislative body of the municipality;

Section 3. That the effect of this enactment is to confer such powers that are granted a municipal executive under IC 36-4 et seq and IC 36-4 et sequitur, except the authority to dismiss or demote a public officer acting as a department

head, and the procedure affecting the adoption of ordinances or resolutions of the municipality;

Section 4. That the tolling for the extension of authority under this enactment shall begin upon the passage and adoption of the enactment and the Clerk-Treasurer shall inform the Town Council as to the duration remaining as conferred by this enactment.


Introduced and Filed on the 16th Day of March 2020. Consideration on the same day or at same meeting of introduction sustained a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8.

DULY ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 16th Day of March 2020, by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
HIGHLAND, INDIANA


Mark J. Schocke, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

ATTEST:


Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

