

Memorandum

From: Mayor Richard Strick
To: City Common Council Members
Date: December 8, 2020
RE: Enforcement of Executive Order No. 4

To the members of the City of Huntington Common Council:

This memo provides you information on the approach the City of Huntington will be taking in enforcing Executive Order No. 4. Executive Order No. 4 is derived from Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-48 (also provided for ease of review).

Huntington City Police and the Mayor's Office will continue to work closely with the County Health Department as it relates to enforcing local and state level directives for the public health emergency. We will not issue a citation to any business for the actions of a customer. Businesses are responsible for the behavior of their staff, following occupancy requirements, and conducting their business operations in accordance with public health measures. City Police will respond to calls from business staff, management, or owners regarding issues with customers. A business that is disregarding the public health orders in the conduct of their business will be subject to follow-up and enforcement.

No member of the public should be confronting another member of the public in a loud or disrespectful manner. Members of the public are encouraged to respectfully request someone provide them more space if they are within six feet or to put on a mask. There are many exemptions that may apply to a given situation and not be obvious. We ask each to exercise patience and respect with one another. If another person's behavior remains a concern, we are advising all members of the public to report those behaviors to a store employee, manager, or owner. Staff or management will contact City Police as they determine it is needed. We will always support the staff and employees as they follow public health guidelines or enforce corporate policies.

As with all civil infractions and citations, officers have broad discretion in determining when to issue a citation. Officers will be supported in decision-making if they choose to issue a citation or if they choose not to issue a citation.

Respectfully,



Richard Strick, Mayor
City of Huntington, Indiana