

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4
LOCAL COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND PLAN FOR THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Indiana have declared the COVID-19 pandemic a Public Health Emergency (“Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Department of Health (“ISDH”) has confirmed both community transmission of, and deaths related to, COVID-19 in Indiana and Huntington County; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, and for those reasons and on the legal authority recited in it, Mayor Richard Strick issued Executive Order No. 4 on November 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2020, the Common Council of the City of Huntington adopted its Resolution 16-R-20 extending Executive Order No. 4 for the duration of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2021 and April 6, 2021, Mayor Richard Strick issued his Executive Orders Numbered 5 and 6 respectively which lifted and reduced some restrictions in that Executive Order No. 4; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, Governor Eric Holcomb issued his Executive Order No. 21-13 further lifting and removing several state-wide COVID-related restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order No. 21-13, the Mayor’s Executive Orders Numbered 4, 5, and 6; and the Common Council’s Resolution 16-R-20 are each incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, Mayor Richard Strick has received information from federal, state, and local healthcare officials sufficient to conclude that some of the restrictions in Executive Order No. 4 may be removed or modified; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued revised recommendations relating to fully vaccinated persons and the Huntington County population is now more than 40% fully vaccinated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Strick, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Huntington, Indiana in accordance with the authority listed and incorporated herein, the Governor’s Executive Orders as they exist and are amended from time to time, Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-22, and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, orders, and regulations related to the Emergency, do hereby order, and declare that Executive Order No. 4 is amended as follows:

- A. Numbered paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of Executive Order No. 4 are hereby amended by removing all mandatory mask/face covering language and replacing that mandatory language with advisory language.

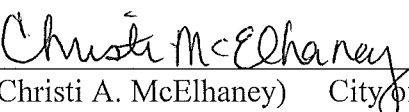
- B. The CDC still says fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people should wear masks in health care settings such as doctors' hospitals, doctors' offices and long-term care facilities; on planes, trains, and other types of public transportation; when required by federal, state or local law; and when requested by a private business or organization.
- C. This Order only amends those specific portions of Executive Order No. 4. No other provisions of that Executive Order No. 4 are affected hereby.
- D. This Executive Order will be filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer pursuant to Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29(a) and Section 72.51 of the City of Huntington, Indiana Code of Ordinances.
- E. If any provision of this Executive Order, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared to be severable.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated: May 14, 2021.

By  As Mayor
(Richard L. Strick) City of Huntington, Indiana

Attest:

By  As Clerk-Treasurer
(Christi A. McElhaney) City of Huntington, Indiana

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