

**Resolution 2020-313**

**A Resolution to Provide for the Continuity of Operations of the  
City of Dyer During the COVID-19 Outbreak**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was a pandemic and on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency over the coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this ongoing emergency, the Mayor of the City of Dyer issued Executive Order 2020-001 setting forth certain policies to prepare the City best preserve the health and safety of its residents and employees, and to prepare for a continuity of operations during the ongoing crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognize that significant disruptions to operations may occur, and may include the suspension of regular board meetings and wish to implement certain policies to remain compliant with regulations and to ease the impact on residents and employees; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERPERSONS OF THE CITY OF DYER THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** In addition to the policies outlined in Resolution 2016-221 (the Purchasing Policy), beginning March 26, 2020 and continuing through May 18, 2020, unless repealed sooner, the City Recorder, with the concurrence of the Mayor of the City of Dyer and the Finance Committee Chairman, may issue purchase orders up to \$7,499.00 for regular, non-emergency expenses, necessary to support continued operations of city services. A report on these purchase orders will be supplied to members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen no less than twice monthly. This in no way restricts the Mayor from approving emergency purchases under the existing provisions of the Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2.** Beginning March 26, 2020 and continuing through May 18, 2020, unless repealed sooner, the Mayor of the City of Dyer is empowered to provide, at his discretion, an advance on an employee's sick-leave bank of hours of not more than 120 hours.

**SECTION 3.** Beginning March 26, 2020, and continuing through May 18, 2020, unless repealed sooner, and notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, the Mayor of the City of Dyer may:

1. Enact any policy or regulation necessary to preserve the health and safety of the residents of the City of Dyer, provided that such policy or regulation shall be reported to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen not less than 7 days after its enactment.
2. Suspend, cancel, reschedule, or delay any meeting of any public body or instrumentality of the City of Dyer including that of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and to provide for said meetings to be conducted safely, except that consistent with the Charter, a meeting may be called upon demand of any five (5) aldermen.
3. Take whatever action is necessary and authorize reasonable expenditures to comply and conform to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order #16 issued March 20, 2020, to enable

the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to meet electronically or telephonically should the need arise.

**SECTION 5.** Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section, clause, or provision of this resolution to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall affect only such section, clause, or provision so declared unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of any other section, clause, or provision of this resolution.

**SECTION 6.** This resolution shall become effective from March 26, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Chris Younger, Mayor

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Nathan Reed, City Recorder