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Lawrenceburg City Court
Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Rule AR 17 Petition

Comes now the Lawrenceburg City Court and petitions the Supreme Court of Indiana for relief under Administrative Rule 17. In support of this petition, the Court informs the Supreme Court as follows:

1. The Judge of the Lawrenceburg City Court has convened with the City of Lawrenceburg's Executive Administration and have determined:

a. The President of the United States of America has declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 virus.

b. That the Governor of the State of Indiana has declared an emergency due to the COVID-19 virus.

c. That the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a Pandemic.

d. That the City of Lawrenceburg, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has implemented a city-wide access plan, suspending all public non-emergency access to public facilities.

e. That Joseph R. Johns is the judge for the Lawrenceburg City Court and shall be the presiding Judge for this emergency.

The Judge of the Lawrenceburg City Court request that the Supreme Court declare that an emergency exists in City of Lawrenceburg, under the authority of Ind. Admin. R. 17, and to make appropriate emergency orders for the City of Lawrenceburg, directing and allowing the Judge and Clerk of the Lawrenceburg City Court to alter, modify, or suspend necessary procedures as provided in the emergency plan submitted herewith, so as to appropriately address this emergency.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Court submits the following as the Emergency Plan of the City of Lawrenceburg:

1. The City of Lawrenceburg has implemented the City-wide Access Plan that has suspended all non-emergency public access to city owned property.

2. The Court will continue all civil pre-trial hearings and postpone all non-essential hearings.

3. The Court will continue or postpone all civil bench trials until such time as the health risk no longer exists.

4. Exercise flexibility in granting continuances or extending deadlines.

5. Provide the public with access to the Court and its staff through telephonic and email correspondence.

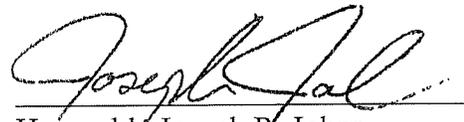
6. That the Court will not receipt payments for fines and judgments in person; the Court directs all payments of fines or judgments to be made electronically or by mail.

7. Suspend issuing civil body attachments.

8. Exercising flexibility in issuing any Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay License Suspensions.

The Lawrenceburg City Court proposes this plan remain in effect until May 11, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Johns", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Joseph R. Johns,
Presiding Judge