

20S-CB-248

**IN RE THE PETITION FOR
EMERGENCY RELIEF PURSUANT TO AR 17
BY THE BUTLER CITY COURT**

**PETITION FOR RELIEF PURSUANT
INDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 17**

Come now the Butler City Court and petitions the Supreme Court for relief under Indian Administrative Rule 17. In support of the petition, the Court in forms the Indian Supreme Court as follows:

The Butler City Court has determined:

The Judge of Butler City. Court requests that the Indiana Supreme Court declare that an emergency exists in the City of Butler, under the authority of IND. Admin R.17, and to make appropriate emergency orders directing and allowing the Court and clerk of the Court to alter, modify and suspend necessary procedures as provided in the emergency plan submitted herewith, so as to appropriately address the emergency.

- A. The president of the United States of America has declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19.
- B. That the Governor of the State of Indiana has declared an emergency due to COVID-19 virus.
- C. That the World health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a Pandemic.
- D. That the City of Butler in response to COVID-19 pandemic, has implemented a city wide access plan suspending all public non-emergency access to public facilities.
- E. That Judge Richard L. Obendorf is the judge for the Butler City Court and shall be the presiding Judge for this emergency

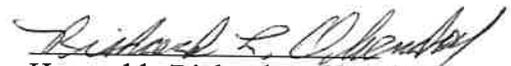
EMERGENCY PLAN

The Court submits the following as the Emergency Plan for Butler City Court and requests authorization to utilize any combination of these measures as the Court deem appropriate.

1. The City of Butler has implemented the Citywide Access Plan that has suspended all non-emergency public access to city owned property.
2. The Court will postpone all pretrial 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 continuance 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 judgements in person: the Court directs all payments of fines or judgments to be made electronically or by mail.
7. Exercising flexibility in issuing any Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay license suspensions.

Respectfully Submitted


Honorable Richard L. Obendorf
Presiding Judge