JOINT LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA

City of Evansville, Indiana Vanderburgh County, Indiana January 5, 2025

AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City of Evansville (the "**City**") and Vanderburgh County, Indiana (the "**County**") has been or is immediately threatened by a Winter weather event including a large accumulation of snow and expected sleet, and ice;

WHEREAS, sleet, ice, and snow on January 5, 2025, are causing a number of roadway issues in the City and County, including but not limited to, slide offs. Possible road closures, displacement from homes, infrastructure issues, hardships, and lost business, among other challenges, are expected as weather prediction models indicate continued snow and freezing rain through Monday January 6, 2025;

WHEREAS, City and County resources are required to assist with the mitigation of storm impacts to relieve hazardous conditions created by significant winter precipitation accumulation, and unnecessary road travel has the potential to impede City and County services such as snow removal and emergency response vehicles;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 authorizes the Principal Executive Officer of a political subdivision to declare a Local Disaster Emergency for a period not exceeding seven (7) days; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA:

- The Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Evansville declare that a state of emergency exists in the City and County. We hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code applicable to the conditions that have led to the issuance of this proclamation to be in full force and effect in the City and County. This action ensures the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of lives and property of the people in the City and County and the restoration of local government with minimal interruption. Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, particularly Section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.
- 2. The Civic Center Complex, located at 1 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana, 47708 shall be closed on January 6, 2025. All public offices

and employees of City and County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharging the duties required of them during the emergency and in executing state and local emergency laws, regulations, and directives.

- 3. All citizens are hereby called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey the lawful directions of properly identified officers.
- 4. All operating forces shall direct their communications, requests for assistance, and operational needs directly to the Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center.

This emergency proclamation may not be continued or renewed for more than seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing body. This emergency proclamation may be executed simultaneously in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The parties agree that this emergency proclamation may be signed by electronic format and that signatures provided by facsimile or portable document format (.PDF) shall be deemed original documents.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 5th day of January, 2025.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Justin Elpers, President

THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Stephanie Jerry Stephanie Terry, Mayor of Evansville