

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

City of Evansville, Indiana  
Vanderburgh County, Indiana  
April 16, 2025

**AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 authorizes the Principal Executive Officer of a political subdivision to declare a Local Disaster Emergency if it is determined that a disaster involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent;

**WHEREAS**, beginning March, 30, 2025, and ongoing, severe weather, tornadic activity and flooding has caused widespread and severe damage throughout the City of Evansville (the “**City**”) and Vanderburgh County, Indiana (the “**County**”);

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather has resulted in damage and destruction of homes, businesses, farms, infrastructure, and other structures; loss of power; downing of trees and powerlines; flooding; damage to and closure of roads; injury and risks to the lives of City and County residents;

**WHEREAS**, the damage and destruction is ongoing due to continued rain events and flooding.

**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:**

1. 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 response and recovery aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans are hereby activated and the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans is hereby authorized.

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.
5. This emergency proclamation will remain in full force for seven (7) days unless rescinded earlier by the Mayor or President of the Board of Commissioners or extended by the legislative bodies of the City and County.
6. A local travel advisory is hereby issued at the lowest level of "Advisory", meaning that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, particularly due to flooding, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas of flooding.


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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Justin Elpers, President

THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

  
Stephanie Terry, Mayor of Evansville  
CO Lindsay Snyder, Deputy Mayor  
City of Evansville