

Atchison City Hall closed due to virus threat

To ensure that the City of Atchison is doing all that it can to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), City Hall and all other City facilities are being closed to the public, effective immediately. The City will be adding a secure drop box in the vestibule located at the main entrance of City Hall by the end of the week for utility and municipal court payments.

The City is encouraging residents and staff to conduct business using remote means– online, over the phone, via mail – as much as possible. The City had already suspended water utility shut offs until at least April 15.

Municipal Court and meetings for any boards and advisory groups were also cancelled for at least 30 days to promote social distancing and help curb the potential spread of COVID-19. That suspension impacts Economic Development Advisory Group (EDAG), Parks and Forestry Board, Airport Advisory Board and Planning Commission.

The safety of residents and City staff is the top priority, and with that in mind, please regularly check www.cityofatchison.com and the City's Facebook page at facebook.com/CityofAtchison/ for the latest information as this situation continues to evolve. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (913) 367-5500.

Just a reminder that all events at Atchison Event Center have also been canceled until further notice and that the City is under executive order from Gov. Laura Kelly banning gatherings of 50 or more until further notice. The City is also not issuing any new special event permits and revoking any existing permits as long as the ban is in place.

Emergency services will continue as normal for the foreseeable future. The situation will be re- evaluated before April 15, to decide if the suspensions and service changes will be lifted or continued further. School buildings statewide were recently closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, which should serve as a guide for potentially how long some of these restrictions and suspensions could be in place.

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