

Media Release

From: Shane J. Shields, City Manager

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Re: Closing of City Offices to Public Access

Due to the current national health emergency relating to the concerns of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) the City of Wellington will no longer allow public access to most City Offices effective at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until further notice. During this time, staff will be working and available by phone or email. If you require face-to-face contact for an essential service and you are not exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please contact the City Office you are needing to conduct business with by phone or email and an appointment may be scheduled, if necessary.

The City continues to encourage utility customers to pay utility bills by phone using MasterCard or Visa (620-326-2821), online via the City website <u>cityofwellington.net</u>, by mail, or through the drive-thru at the City Building. Payment may also be deposited in the utility payment drop box located near the drive-up window on the south side of the City Administration Building. You may contact the Utility Billing Office by email at <u>utilitybilling@cityofwellington.net</u> Per executive order by the Governor, utilities will not be disconnected for non-payment between now and May 1st. The City is also currently waiving late fees.

Court fines and fees may be paid online or by mail. Some fines may not be paid online and will require a court appearance. Contact the Municipal Court Clerk at 620-326-2791 or by email at court@cityofwellington.net

If you are in need of a building or zoning permit, or any code issue please contact the Building and Codes Office at 620-326-3871 or by email at codecompliance@cityofwellington.net

Please visit the City website at <u>cityofwellington.net</u> for phone and email contacts and general information for all offices.

The City's priority is the safety of our employees and our citizens. Your patience and understanding as we work through these unprecedented times for our community is greatly appreciated. We apologize for any inconvenience.

All citizens are encouraged to practice social distancing and follow all Federal, State, and local directives and recommendations. For more information visit the following sites:

KDHE at https://govstatus.egov.com/coronavirus

CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Sumner County Health Department at:

https://ks-sumner.publicaccessnow.com/Departments/HealthDepartment/tabid/2859/Default.aspx