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**To: MEDIA & CITY DEPARTMENTS**

**From: Jeremy M. Jones, Director of Public Works**

**Date: APRIL 9, 2020**

**Re: Wellington Lake Operations**

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Wellington Lake is open for outdoor recreational activities, including camping, boating and fishing. Activities or areas currently closed due to COVID-19 concerns include both east and west restrooms, all playground equipment, including swings, slides and merry-go-rounds, the Permit Office, and the beach area. Please remember all recreational, camping and boating fees and permits are still required.

Lake staff has been asked to limit the amount of personal contact with lake visitors for the protection of everyone. To obtain required permits for your initial visit to the lake, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 620-326-2811 to provide contact information and what permit will be purchased. Payment and acquiring vehicle and boat stickers will occur through the drive-thru window at the City Administration Building at 317 South Washington. Failure to complete the transaction with payment will void the permits. Renewals for camping may be done through the drive-thru or by utilizing the drop boxes at the lake, located at the Permit Office or by the east restroom.

I want to again stress that the public restrooms are closed due to the volume of traffic and potential to spread the virus through these facilities. It is highly recommended that visitors, including utility hookup and primitive campers, be able to provide their own toilet facilities. The use of trees, wooded areas or other lake grounds for this purpose will result in loss of privileges to use Wellington Lake and you will be asked to leave.

All visitors need to practice social distancing precautions at the lake, as any other place.

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