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PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

CLAREMONT, NH – The City has made additional changes to its services as a response to the NH State of Emergency. If you have any questions, please call or email the department as staff are working both on and off site.

City Hall – Open with limited services. 542-7026

City Clerk – Closed to walk in traffic. 542-7003

Staff will be available to answer questions regarding their department or direct you to resources regarding the COVID-19 response via phone or email. Applications or payments can be taken at the drop box in City Hall or through www.eb2gov.com. Eb2gov.com is waiving their transaction fees during the State of Emergency.

The City Clerk's office has been notified by the state Division of Motor Vehicles that for new transactions, the Governor has authorized them to extend all temporary plates issued after 3/1 until April 30, 2020.

Department of Public Works – Open

Transfer Station is open normal days/hours.

Parks and Recreation – Closed – 542-7019

The Claremont Savings Bank Community Center and all Parks and Recreation programs will be closed/cancelled until further notice.

Fiske Free Library – Closed- Phone: 542-7017

In order to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in our community, the Fiske Free Library will be closed until further notice. Library staff will be available by phone if you have any questions or need assistance with online resources such as ebooks or audiobooks. All checked out items with original due dates March 9th or later have been renewed until April 6th. Wireless internet access will be available outside the building. The library's catalog page has links to free educational and storybook sites for children.

Library Catalog: <http://bit.ly/fiskefree>

Ebooks and audiobooks: <https://nh.overdrive.com>

Planning and Development – Please call ahead to make an appointment. 542-7008

Finance – Please call Phone: 542-7017

City operations relating to finance we will continue to operate but on a reduced schedule.

Welfare Office – Open –

Assessing - Call 603.542.7004 or email abenoit@claremontnh.com or kburkhamer@claremontnh.com

All forms are available on line at

<http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/assessor/default.aspx>

The Department has cancelled all appointments for Tax Exemptions and Credits. Citizens may mail applications and information into the office. All documentation will be returned by mail.

Citizens may call with questions or email. Please note that the statutory filing deadline (April 15th) per RSA 72:33 can and will be deferred to a later date, if necessary.

Please note that we have also cancelled all property inspections and we do not anticipate making appointments until further notice.

Vision Government Solutions is currently handling our cyclical data update. The data collector will not make inside inspections, all inspection calls will be outside only. A letter will be sent to the property owner to make an appointment for a later date.

Property Record Cards are available on-line. GIS maps are also available on line. However, if you would prefer the actual Vision Property Record Card, please call or email and we will provide you a copy via email at no cost.

The City has created a COVID-19 page at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/COVID-19.aspx>. We will be listing cancellations of events as they come in as well as state and federal government information.

Governor Sununu issued three emergency orders today. The first prohibits electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP internet and deliverable fuels service from being disconnected or discontinued for non-payment for the duration of the State of Emergency. The second prohibits evictions and foreclosures during the State of Emergency. The third extends access to state unemployment benefits for individuals impacted by COVID-19, including some self-employed individuals or those providing services currently excluded from the definition of employment under certain circumstances. Each of these orders provides further detail and you are encouraged to read them in their entirety if you are impacted. The Governor's Emergency Orders are being posted on the state web site at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/press-releases/>.

Information from the White River VA Medical Center for Veterans having flu like symptoms is available at <https://www.whiteriver.va.gov/emergency/index.asp>.

The City would also like to encourage residents and business owners to sign up for Code Red community notification. To enroll please go to the Police Department page on the city web site at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/police.aspx>.

If you have a specific question about the virus, or if you would like more information, please visit the DHHS website at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm> or the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. You may also call 211 to ask questions regarding COVID-19 or the State of New Hampshire's response to this outbreak.