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Consistent with Governor Abbott's Executive Order, issued on March 18th taking sweeping action to contain the coronavirus, the City of Lampasas is requesting business and citizen compliance with the outlined directives. Beginning midnight March 20th, the Order limits all social gatherings to no more than 10 people; prohibits eating and drinking inside restaurants and bars, but still allows take-out and drive-through services; closes gyms and recreational facilities; and bans people from visiting nursing homes except under specific circumstances. The Order is effective through April 3rd.

The Coronavirus is hardy, able to survive on environmental surfaces in some cases for days, and can produce serious health conditions especially in elderly populations. The City is encouraging residents to follow the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") guidelines for hand-washing, social distancing, and avoiding sensitive populations to limit the spread of the virus.

For the protection of our employees and the public, effective March 20th, access to City Hall will be limited. Utility customers may utilize drive-through, and building permits can be issued on-line. In the event residents have a specific need, staff will be available by calling 512-556-6831. Staff is committed to being responsive to customer needs while protecting the public health.

Our local and regional economy will continue to be impacted by the coronavirus. Please support local business by ordering out, picking up call-in orders or purchasing goods online. The City is also asking individuals to allow grocery stores to replenish their stock, and to limit purchases to only necessary items.

City Council will continue to meet to conduct business, however, all other City meetings during this time are postponed. The public is encouraged to participate in Council meetings by video access rather than attending the meeting in person. Links and call-in numbers will be available on the City's website at www.cityoflampasas.org.

Staff and Elected officials want to reinforce that there will be no disruption in City services including utilities and public safety. Our goal is to continue to provide all services at the level expected by our citizens. Staff and Elected officials will continue to work with local, County and State partners to assess and respond to this serious public health issue.

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If further information is needed, or if you care to further report, please contact Jeff Smith, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator, or Finley deGraffenried, City Manager.