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PRESS RELEASE

City of El Dorado Response to Coronavirus Pandemic

March 16, 2020 – The City of El Dorado takes the health of our community and employees very seriously. As such, the City will implement the following immediate actions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus in the community:

- City facilities will temporarily close to the general public. The drive-through window at City Hall will remain open to accept utility payments from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Trash bags will be unavailable for purchase until the lobby is opened again.
- Trash routes and utility services will operate as provided under normal circumstances.
- Police and Fire Departments will operate with minor modifications to protect first responders so as to ensure continued emergency services.
- The Senior Center and Activities Center will be closed, and all adult and youth activities are suspended until further notice.
- The City will not reserve any facilities or parks until further notice. Please call City Hall to check the status of any existing reservations.
- The Police Department requests non-critical incident reports be provided by phone at (316) 321-9120.
- Municipal court will be closed until at least March 23.
- Records requests should be made through the Open Records link on the City’s website.
- City Commission meetings will remain open to the public, although the City will separate the governing body and the public and will provide participation via television and conference call.

All municipal services remain operational and all City employees remain available to assist the public during regular business hours. Citizens may contact City departments by phone at (316) 321-9100. Information regarding COVID-19 constantly changes, and the City will post updated information about its response and any changes to municipal services on the City’s website (www.eldoks.com) and official social media outlets (i.e., Facebook and Twitter, etc.).

“The City of El Dorado will closely monitor the situation and will make service changes as deemed necessary and prudent for the safety of employees and the general public,” says City Manager David Dillner. “The City’s priority will be providing essential public services the community relies on each and every day. To that end, we will encourage employees to self-quarantine when appropriate, and will seek to create a working environment that balances employee health with the provision of public services.”

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment encourages people showing signs of COVID-19 to stay home. Sick family members should separate themselves from other people. Healthy people should continue to practice preventative measures such as frequently washing hands with soap and water, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding touching your face. KDHE also encourages people not to gather in public places, which is why the City has elected to close many of its facilities to the public.