



News Release

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City of Lafayette Committed to Providing Service and Leadership

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – March 24, 2020 – The City of Lafayette is fully committed to serving the residents and businesses of Lafayette during this time of uncertainty. The State of Indiana’s Stay at Home order effective March 24, 2020 at 11:59 P.M. will affect us all in some manner; your full cooperation is necessary to slow the spread of the COVID pandemic. Thoughtful planning and staff reallocation will allow the City of Lafayette to ensure the continuation of essential city services. This update is intended to reassure the public of our commitment to provide leadership, service, and information at all times.

- Mayor Roswarski will be in his office to direct operations and to gather and disseminate information. The Mayor’s Executive Assistant will be answering phones and email to help citizens obtain needed information.
- Citizens will see no change in police and fire protection. Dispatchers have been instructed to make additional inquiries on first contact to establish the need for face-to-face interaction to best protect the public and our personnel.
- Trash and recycling collection routes will continue as scheduled. Residents are asked to bag and tie all garbage to contain any potential contaminants. Recycling should be unbagged and placed in bins unless a household is experiencing illness, in which case recyclables should be bagged and placed in the garbage bin.
- Water and sewer customers are asked to conduct business electronically. Disconnects have been suspended and in-person requirements for new service have been temporarily altered. The Utility Billing Office is available by phone to assist customers; multiple payment methods are available.
- The Water Department and Lafayette Renew will be reducing and rotating staff in order to provide essential services, including the support of ongoing private and public construction projects, designated as vital to the economy.



- The Engineering Department will continue operations; applications and plans can be submitted via email to permits@lafayette.in.gov. Instructions and forms are available on the department's webpage at www.lafayette.in.gov. Staff will be available by phone at (765) 807-1050 to assist with scheduling if needed; housing inspections are not being scheduled at this time.
- Playgrounds and public restrooms at all Lafayette parks have been closed. Parks remain open but the public is strongly cautioned to observe 6' physical distancing.
- City Hall and all City-owned buildings are closed to the public.
- The Clerk's office will be staffed to process phone and mail payments and to manage public meetings that are to be conducted virtually or cancelled.
- Parking Enforcement of two- and three-hour spaces downtown will be temporarily suspended to assist residents who are being asked to stay at home. The public is reminded to observe posted fire lane restrictions and handicapped spots, which will be enforced. The City is assigning dedicated carryout spots and signage for restaurants who request it.

Advanced technology and training will allow many city employees to conduct their work remotely as we embrace Governor Holcomb's Executive Order and remain mindful of public and employee health and safety. Updates and resources are being posted on our social media channels and at www.lafayette.in.gov/coronavirus. The judicious use of resources and cooperation of all will ensure that the City of Lafayette is here to support you as you support each other.

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