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CITY OF BUCKLEY

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- On March 13th, 2020 Mayor Johnson issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency in the City of Buckley due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Effective Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, and until further notice the following changes in City Department operations will be in effect until further notice:

City of Buckley City Hall

- City Hall will operate during normal business hours, but public access will be limited to the hours between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- To comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing only one customer at a time will be allowed access to the lobby.
- Non-essential in-person meetings are cancelled.
- Citizens are encouraged to use Online Bill Pay (www.cityofbuckley.com) or make utility billing payments by phone (360) 829-1921 ext. 7887. Customers may make payments through the payment drop-box at City Hall. We are discouraging cash payments unless necessary.
- Processing of Passport Applications is suspended

The Buckley Multi-Purpose Center building will limit public access to the hours between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. City Departments located within the multi-purpose center will limit counter access to one customer at a time to comply with the social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC.

City of Buckley Senior Center

- The Senior Center will provide “to-go” meals for our senior citizens. Please call (360) 829-0190 the day before to place your “to-go” order. Orders must be picked up at noon.

- All other senior programs and activities are cancelled.

City of Buckley Building and Planning Department

- Applicants are encouraged to submit electronically when possible and utilize phone calls and emails as the primary means of communication.

- Building and related permit inspections will be continued while practicing the social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC.

- Planning site visits and pre-application meetings are suspended.

- Hearing are being postponed

City of Buckley Municipal Court

- Lobby access is closed until further notice.

- The court is rescheduling all hearings through April 16, 2020. Notices for future court dates will be mailed. Any party needing to update their mailing address should contact the court at 360.829.2118. Staff in the court’s office will only be available by telephone, email at bmc@cityofbuckley.com, or by mail at P.O. Box 1452, Buckley, WA 98321

City of Buckley Youth Center

- The Youth Center is closed to all activities.

*The closure of the Youth Center **does not** affect the White River School District Meal Site delivery from the Youth Center Parking Lot.*

City of Buckley Public Utilities

- The Public Utilities Department will operate during normal business hours, but public access to the office lobby will be limited to the hours between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- To comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing only one customer at a time will be allowed access to the office counter.
- Public Utilities ***will not*** be performing utility non-payment shut-offs in the month of March.

City of Buckley Police Department

- The Police Department is not currently taking Concealed Pistol License applications or renewals past 90 days expired.
- Fingerprinting services are suspended until further notice.

City of Buckley Fire Department

- Public use of the fire department meeting room and conference room are suspended until further notice.
- Community First-Aid and CPR Training will continue as regularly scheduled, but class sizes will be limited to allow us to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing.