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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 Monday, March 23rd, 2020, and until further notice the following changes in City Department operations will be in effect until further notice:

City Public Facilities

- City Hall, Multi-Purpose Center (MPC), Youth Center and Public Works Office will be closed to the general public beginning Monday, March 23 and until further notice. Citizens may pay utility bills, acquire licenses, submit permit applications, contact staff, and transact other City business via telephone, email, and online. Except that new building and planning/land use permits may be submitted to the building & planning department by appointment only.
- City Hall, MPC and Public Works administrative staff will be available to transact City business via telephone, email, and online during normal business hours between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- 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.

- The Senior Center will deliver meals for our senior citizens. Please call (360) 829-0190 the day before to place your order.
- All other senior programs and activities are cancelled.
- Building and related permit inspections will be continued while practicing the social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC.
- In-person planning pre-application meetings are suspended until further notice. Arrangements may be available via-teleconference.
- Public Hearings are being postponed
- The court is rescheduling all hearings through April 24, 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
- The closure of the Youth Center **does not** affect the White River School District Meal Site delivery from the Youth Center Parking Lot.
- Public Utilities ***will not*** be performing utility non-payment shut-offs in the month of March.

City of Buckley Police Department

- The Buckley Police Department Lobby is closed to the general public. For contact with a police officer, please call dispatch at 360-829-3157 ext. 1.
- 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.