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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD ASKS RESIDENTS TO LISTEN AND FOLLOW STAY AT HOME ORDER

Springfield, Illinois – As Springfield approached its first few hours of the new State of Illinois Stay At Home order, the City of Springfield would like to remind residents that the adjustments and decisions made in the next few weeks, will have long-term impact for our families, neighbors, and community in the future.

The City has shifted its operations to best respond to this new order while maintaining uninterrupted service to its residents.

“We know in times of uncertainty we look for the people who can help. Our elected officials, directors, and city staff want you to know that you may not be able to “see” us, but we are here to serve you. We are available by phone or email. Our goal is to address and fix any concerns – by doing it safely and efficiently,” said Mayor Jim Langfelder.

He continued, “Every morning city directors, police and fire chiefs, along with myself, the City Clerk and City Treasurer conference call together. We each provide updates on our operations and any adjustments – all in order to maintain the same level of service to our residents.”

Cooperation and working together is necessary to effectively combat COVID-19. The City’s first responders are working hard to provide additional services to keep our community as safe as possible.

Springfield Fire Chief Allen Reyne said, “This is a public health crisis being directed by the Sangamon County Department of Public Health and our medical community. However, the Springfield Fire and Police Departments are working collectively on these efforts including serving on the Incident Management Task Force in order for Sangamon County to flatten the curve.”

The City understands this pandemic is causing various emotions in people because of the unknown. But the one certainty is that if we do not do our part in practicing social distancing and staying at home whenever possible, our residents’ health will be impacted dramatically.

Langfelder concluded, “The City of Springfield will always be here to serve the residents of this community. This is an unprecedented challenge that Springfield will overcome by working together. We encourage the community to focus on what is important in all of our lives which is our loved ones. Please do your part and stay at home as much as you possibly can.”

The City is providing regular updates via video or releases on the City website, www.springfield.il.us/COSCovid19.aspx. Video updates are also available on the City’s YouTube Channel. Residents are encouraged to visit the website regularly for updates to City operations and community resources.

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