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Mayor, City Council, & City Staff

RE: COVID-19

Over the last several weeks, local officials have been in constant communication regarding the continued spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) around the country and now throughout parts of Texas. As more information becomes available and the local impact changes, the City of Bastrop along with local community leaders remain dedicated to safeguarding the public and limiting impact to our community. Although there are no confirmed cases currently in Bastrop, local officials are implementing precautions to preemptively negate further spread of this illness and ensure that we can continue to offer essential services to our citizens.

In alignment with the postponements and cancellations announced by other nonprofit and local organizations, the City of Bastrop will close all public access to city facilities until further notice effective Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00 am. This includes City Hall, Historic Sites, the City of Bastrop Convention Center, the Bastrop Public Library, Public Works, Planning, Utilities, Water, Police, Fire Administration, and the Municipal Court. For more detailed information regarding closures please visit [cityofbastrop.org/page/covid19](http://cityofbastrop.org/page/covid19)

Additionally, the City of Bastrop will be following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines limiting all events that consist of 50 people or more that occurs on City property, in accordance with a Special Event permit, or is City sponsored. For more information concerning Event Cancellations please visit [cityofbastrop.org/page/covid19](http://cityofbastrop.org/page/covid19)

Furthermore, all off-site activities sanctioned by the City of Bastrop including soccer, softball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are postponed until April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more detailed information about Sports Leagues, please visit [austinyymca.org/branches/bastrop-ymca](http://austinyymca.org/branches/bastrop-ymca)

Please note that this decision was not made lightly, and we understand the impact it will have on our community but ensuring the safety of the most vulnerable in our community remains our priority. While in-person assistance will be at a minimum, services such as public safety, sanitation, landfill services, and water & wastewater services will remain unaltered. Citizens are encouraged to pay their utility bills through [cityofbastrop.org/page/mc.online\\_payments](http://cityofbastrop.org/page/mc.online_payments) or through the drive-through.

Also, City staff in all departments will be available by phone and email to assist the public in all capacities regarding City Services.

The City of Bastrop has implemented these temporary changes and other precautionary measures because keeping our residents and City staff safe is the highest priority. The City of Bastrop and all emergency management personnel will continue to closely monitor the Coronavirus pandemic and inform the public in a timely manner.

During this unprecedented time, the City of Bastrop urges everyone to participate in keeping our community healthy by following the CDC's Guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Since this situation is still evolving, please continue to stay informed and take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our citizens. For questions regarding city services visit [cityofbastrop.org](http://cityofbastrop.org) or call the City Departments directly by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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