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PRESS RELEASE Change in City Services

Date: 3/30/20

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aconner@cityofmetterga.gov
912-685-2527

OPERATIONAL CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

As our community, the city is in a unique time in our history confronting and combating the Covid-19 virus. The city remains committed to providing citizens and customers continued safe and reliable services.

City Hall

The lobby is closed. The City asks that you follow the Emergency Declaration ordinance adopted March 24, 2020. It is encouraged for churches and organizations find alternative ways to hold services or meetings.

City Utilities

Customers will be able to make utility payments by, phone, drop box, and online at metter-candler.com. Customers can also dial 1-912-685-2527 to speak with a representative from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday, or if they choose to, can email questions or concerns to aconner@cityofmetterga.gov. All after hours, weekends, and holiday calls, dial 912-685-2527 to reach our afterhours service.

Utility cut-offs have been suspended through April.

Occupational Tax Certificates for New Businesses

Occupational Tax certificates for new businesses will be screened and processed case by case.

Law Enforcement Operations

Coronavirus 2019 (COVID19)

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The purpose of this memo is to outline Metter Police operations during this ongoing state of emergency. Law enforcement, like healthcare is going to be an essential function during the current state of emergency. As with other emergencies and natural disasters consideration must be given to how law enforcement will function during the emergency. In order to maintain a high level of public safety Metter Police will take the following steps to aid in controlling the virus.

- Metter Police will limit responses to only those calls of a serious nature where there is an immediate need for investigation i.e. murder, rape, robbery, arson, kidnapping or where there is a threat of injury to a person i.e. domestic assault, assault in progress, murder, rape, robbery, arson, kidnapping etc. Note this is not meant to be an exhaustive list but should convey the idea that if no person is in danger than law enforcement should not respond and expose officers.
- Metter Police will limit pro-active enforcement. On every person to person contact officers are potentially exposed to persons who are contagious. In every traffic stop, every pedestrian stop, and any other contact, the officer will be near the subject and may be handling items, i.e. license and registration, that the subject just handled. As such, officers can become exposed and be placed under a 14-day quarantine or worse. In such events the overall numbers of public safety personnel available will thereby be diminished leaving not enough officers available to handle serious public safety events.
- Metter Police will handle "VICTIM ONLY" type calls (where no one is in danger) telephonically. Reports of thefts, property, damage, and even minor vehicle private property accidents can be taken over the telephone.
- Metter Police officers will exercise discretion and avoid arrests for minor offenses that do not endanger others including property crimes. A concern for law enforcement is the spreading of COVID19 to officers, to corrections personnel, and to other persons housed in the jail.
- Where charging with a crime is necessary, officers should consider citing and releasing individuals rather than taking the subject to a detention facility.
- Due to the responsibility law enforcement has to the health and safety of arrestees, it must be recognized that vehicles must be disinfected after the transport of a prisoner so that the next arrestee will not be exposed. Thus, Metter Police will limit the number of transports by discouraging non-essential transports.
- Officers are encouraged to maintain safe distances during interviews and other contacts with victims, witnesses, suspects, or any citizen with whom they have contact.

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- As noted, every arrest has the potential to expose an officer who will be in close contact with the individual during searching and handcuffing, as well as transport and booking. When officers become exposed or ill due to exposure, they will not be available to handle urgent public safety matters. Thus, exposure and contacts should be limited to serious calls where there is threat to the safety of some individual or the crime is of such a serious nature that it must be immediately investigated.
- Every contact that law enforcement has with any member of the public has the potential for exposure to COVID19. In much the same way that the healthcare profession may be overburdened by a spike in patients, public safety will be dramatically impacted by a spike in exposed officers who are forced into quarantine. As with weather related disasters where law enforcement activities are limited during the height of the storm, law enforcement must consider using these same principles during this health-related emergency.

Fire Department

- Group trainings and meetings are suspended.
- Employees will report to work and remain in their assigned stations, unless dispatched to an emergency call.
- Food will be purchased, prepared, and eaten at the station. If there is a need to pick up food, one person will take a vehicle to pick it up.
- Continue to maintain a clean and healthy environment at the stations with regular cleanings and disinfecting procedures.
- There will be no fire inspections of businesses.
- Employees will be encouraged to isolate themselves from the general public (as much as possible) even on their off time to help maintain a full level of staffing at the Fire Dept.
- Emergency calls will be answered, and we will respond to with as much precaution as possible.
- All Fire Department offices in Metter will be closed to the general public. Anyone requesting a fire report or conducting other business will be required to call 912-685-6832 and the report will be emailed or faxed to meet the request.

Animal Services

The Metter Animal Shelter remains closed to the public.

Adoptions held by appointment only by dialing (912) 685-7877 during normal business hours.

Services provided will be diminished for the near future.

Animal pick-up will be based upon space available in the shelter.

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Municipal Court

Lobby will be closed until further notice at City Hall and Metter Municipal Court.
Citizens are encouraged to mail payments to:

Metter Municipal Court
Attn: Cherie Snyder, Metter Municipal Court Clerk
805 East Lillian Street
Metter, Georgia 30439

Currently, the next Municipal court date is May 5, 2020. Should there be a change you will be notified by mail.

If there are any questions concerning a ticket issued, then please contact the Municipal Court at 912-685-5437.

Rentals

All rental facilities are closed.

Parks

All City parks are closed until further notice.

Metter Welcome Center

The center is closed until further notice.

Public Works

Public Works is currently operating on normal schedule.

Economic Development

Heidi Jeffers, Director of Economic Development, can be reached at 912-685-2527, 912-314-2604 or by email at hjeffers@cityofmetterga.gov.

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Human Resources

Should employees have questions concerning insurance benefits please feel free to contact Missy Edenfield, HR/Purchasing Manager at 912-314-3896.