



THE CITY OF ASHLAND, MISSOURI

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City of Ashland, MO Emergency Declaration

(ASHLAND, MO) -

At a special Board of Aldermen meeting held at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall today, an emergency declaration (attached) was approved related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The declaration calls upon the City Administrator to enact regulations designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

As a result, the following changes are being made to City facilities and services effective immediately:

- City Hall Lobby is closed to all visitors and customers
- Utility customers are encouraged to use the drop box located at the front of the building to make payments, sign up for utilities, to submit business license or building permit applications.
- Water disconnects for non-payment are suspended until further notice and the disconnect fee will not be charged. Customers are still responsible for making payments and keeping their account current.
- City staff are still working at City Hall. If you need to make an appointment for an in-person meeting to address an issue that cannot be resolved over the phone, customers can call 573-657-2091 for assistance.
- Meetings of the Board of Aldermen and all City Boards and Task Forces are suspended for 30 days.

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In conjunction with Order No. 2020-01C issued by the Boone County Director of Public Health and Human Services on March 19, 2020, the following regulations are also effective immediately for the City of Ashland:

- All commercial restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare food for on-site consumption in the City of Ashland shall limit dine-in food service occupancy to fifty percent (50%) of the fire or building code capacity for the premises up to a maximum of fifty people (including employees and staff).
- Restaurants are encouraged to provide delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-thru service, or drive-up service.
- All gym and fitness facilities shall limit occupancy to fifty percent (50%) of the capacity of the fire or building code capacity for the premises up to a maximum of fifty people (including employees and staff).
- All concerts, conferences and meetings (greater than 50% capacity or 50 people, whichever is less) and indoor sporting, amusement or entertainment events are prohibited.

All Ashland residents are encouraged to limit their public contact as much as possible and to adhere to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) limitations on public and private gathering which limits intentional gatherings to fifty people, and gatherings of high-risk individuals to ten people.