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City of Camden Update to Services in Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Camden, SC – With the increase of community spread of COVID-19 in our community, the City of Camden has further reduced public access to City facilities.

Public access to City Hall will be restricted to critical business only. Residents are encouraged to use the drive-thru window, the two drop boxes at City Hall, the City’s online bill payment or call 803-432-2421 for assistance. All additional fees will be waived for credit or debit card payments.

Playground equipment in City parks will be unavailable for use until further notice. However, parks and greenspaces remain open to individuals.

Public access to the Police Department remains restricted to the front lobby. City of Camden utility and sanitation operations will be maintained, but with minimum public access to employees. Municipal court has been suspended until further notice.

The Camden Fire Department will suspend nonessential services and programs until further notice. Residents with specific needs or concerns may call the Fire Department at 803-425-6040.

The City continues to strongly request that employees for all businesses, as applicable, transition to a remote work model, or work from home, and that no social gatherings be held anywhere in the City until further notice.

A nightly citywide curfew from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am remains in place until further notice. This curfew was announced Thursday, March 19, 2020 as part of Mayor Alfred Mae Drakeford’s declaration of a state of public emergency.

Mayor Drakeford said the curfew will include exemptions for police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses, emergency services personnel, health-care providers, and persons, or person's assisting persons, with life-threatening conditions and any persons designated as essential by the City and persons traveling to or from work, as required by their employer to include the performance of task outside of normal operating hours, such as sanitation, house-keeping, and stock preparation.

City staff will continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus and make operational decisions as necessary. The Kershaw County government has activated a COVID-19 hotline. The public is encouraged to call the COVID-19 hotline at 803-425-7242 and monitor information and updates at SC DHEC’s website www.scdhec.gov/covid19 or the Kershaw County website www.kershaw.sc.gov/coronavirus. If you are experiencing symptoms or have a concern for your health or risk level, you are encouraged to call your physician or medical facility before leaving your home.

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