



City of Eastman

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Chairman, Buddy Pittman

City Manager, Jason Cobb

Official Statement

City of Eastman – March 17, 2020

We continue to take our commitment to our City's residents' well-being and safety incredibly seriously. After meeting with the Eastman City Council, as well as the City's Department Directors, to discuss our options and review all our service needs, the City of Eastman has decided to make the following changes in our daily operations in accordance with new CDC guidelines and recommendations:

City Hall

- The City of Eastman will discontinue all in-person services beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice. All departments will remain staffed and operational, but City business will be conducted by phone and electronically. Public access to City buildings will be restricted to appointments only and to absolutely necessary in-person meetings. Please dial 478.374.7721 for an appointment. If you have an emergency, please call 911. For other questions and nonemergency issues, please call City Hall at 478.374.7721. Visit our website at www.cityofeastman.com and watch our Facebook and Twitter channels for updates.
- City taxes and water bill payments can be made online at www.cityofeastman.com or via toll free number 888.695.7823. Citizens may utilize our 24-hour drop box located at City Hall for ALL city payments. Envelopes for payments can be found in the tiny library box in front of the City Council Chambers.
- City Council meetings at City Hall will not be open to the public until further notice but will be available via livestream with further details to come.

- Inquiries about these procedures may be directed to Eastman City Manager Jason Cobb via phone at 478.374.7721 or via email at jason@cityofeastman.com.

Public Events

- All public events that have been permitted through the City of Eastman for the remainder of March and April must be cancelled or postponed. All special event and special administrative permits for such events have been rescinded due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency. No new public event permits will be issued in this timeframe. This applies to ALL events that are open to the general public.
- This does not apply to private events on private property that are not within the special events permitting guidelines, although we do recommend that all such events that would anticipate more than 10 attendees be cancelled or rescheduled in accordance with the current CDC guidelines. We very much appreciate that so many of our local churches, groups, and organizations are self-limiting operations to help protect their members' and the public's safety.

Developing and implementing changes such as these is a tough balancing act. We are a public entity owing our existence to our citizens and restricting access for them is a difficult step. However, City leaders have a responsibility to guarantee a safe workplace for our employees and a greater responsibility to our state and nation as a whole to do all we can to arrest the spread of this virus that is spreading across our country. Hopefully these will be short term changes, but we will be reassessing every day and keeping in touch with you as we try to continue to do the right thing for all concerned.

Thank you,

Buddy Pittman

Chairman, Eastman City Council

Jason Cobb

City Manager