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CITY OF GERING MAKES OPERATIONAL CHANGES RELATED TO COVID19

GERING – City Officials announced today that effective April 2, 2020, the following changes will be implemented in the City of Gering to ensure essential services to our residents while maintaining a balance for employee health and well-being.

All emergency services will continue to be provided.

All City of Gering public building facilities are closed to public access.

Gering City Administrative Offices, 1025 P Street: Citizens needing assistance may call (308) 436-5096. If staff are not available, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. Effective April 2, 2020 the City of Gering will be accepting all building permit applications electronically and conducting all building inspections via pictures only. Permits for Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Roofing, Fence and Sign Permits are available on the City's website, www.gering.org. Completed applications can be submitted to the building inspector via e-mail at rsterkel@gering.org. Building Inspector, Rod Sterkel, can also be reached at (308) 765-4615.

Gering City Utility Office: Effective April 2, 2020 please email utilities@gering.org for service changes. City officials encourage use of the City's website (www.gering.org/departments-services/utilities) for payment of utility bills. Convenience fees will be waived for credit or debit card transactions. Customers must use the drop box located outside the City Administration Building along with the one inside the front foyer at 1025 P Street, Gering, NE for drop-off payment. Questions can be directed to the Utility office at (308) 436-6800; please leave a message.

Police Department: A ring-down phone is located on the outside of the Police Department for those needing to speak to an officer. Accident reports/purchase permits/burn permits are available by calling (308) 436-5089. Administrative and Patrol staff will be available. Gering Police Department will continue to take some reports involving civil matters and property crimes through phone calls.

Gering Public Library: The book drop is located in the northwest corner of the building to return items. There will be no fines during this closure. WIFI internet reaches the parking area outside the library and is available to everyone. For questions please call the Library at (308) 436-7433 and leave a message or email at gpl@geringlibrary.org.

Gering Landfill: The Baler Facility will be closed to walk-in traffic. All sanitation routes will continue as usual. ***However, there will be no residential dumping through May 11, 2020 at the landfill.*** Commercial businesses may still dump between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please direct questions to (308) 436-7568 and leave a message. At this time and until further notice, the City will pick up grass clippings and recycling.

Parks and Recreation public spaces and Monument Shadows Golf Course are open for the time-being. The Pro Shop will be closed to walk-in traffic. A service window is located on the northeast side of the Pro Shop where customers may pay green fees and make purchases. Tee-times must be scheduled by calling 635-2277; no walk-up Tee-times will be given. Monument Grill is open for carry-out and deliver only – (308) 635-6868.

Parks will remain open; playground equipment is closed. Per the Directed Health Measures issued by Governor Ricketts, do not gather in groups of more than 10 people. The Civic Plaza bathrooms will remain open for the time-being.

West Lawn Cemetery will remain open. However, the Cemetery office is closed to the public. For questions or to purchase a burial plot please make an appointment by calling (308) 436-6838.

The Robidoux RV Park is closed to new customers; existing customers will be allowed to stay.

Common Grounds Dog Park will remain open. The City strongly encourages the public to follow CDC recommendations for hand-washing and social distancing.

Gering Civic Center and Gering Visitors Bureau: Gering Civic Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment only by calling (308) 436-6888. The Gering Visitors Bureau will be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment only by calling (308) 436-6886.

Please email questions to gpdrecords@gering.org and they will be forwarded to the appropriate department.