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State of Emergency Declared in City of Lansing

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today declared a local State of Emergency in Lansing in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. City Hall, 54-A District Court, City Community Centers and related City facilities will be closed starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020. These closures and cancelations will remain in effect until further notice.

“The safety of our residents as well as City of Lansing employees is top priority for me and my administration. Therefore, I have declared a local State of Emergency for the City of Lansing in order to take every protective measure possible and ensure that Lansing is eligible for financial assistance as we move forward addressing the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Mayor Schor. “Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we take care of ourselves, our family, our friends, our neighbors and our co-workers by practicing social distancing and flattening the curve.”

Although City facilities are closed, some employees will still be working from home and departments will respond to inquiries for necessary services. A list of the phone numbers for City departments that work directly with the public can be found at lansingmi.gov/coronavirus. Wastewater treatment and Capital Area Recycling and Trash collection will not be impacted by the closures. Lansing’s first responders are ready to respond to calls and are working under alternative public safety plans.

The planning and response aspects of the City of Lansing Emergency Management Plan have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible. Despite these efforts, the City of Lansing realizes that local resources may not be sufficient to cope with the situation.

A State of Emergency allows the City to direct all traditional and non-traditional resources to respond to any needs that arise throughout the City. Additionally, it initiates formal contact with the State of Michigan if the event drives the need for additional resources beyond the City’s capabilities.

Updates will continue to be provided as available. Visit lansingmi.gov/coronavirus for more information.

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