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RE: Government Building Closures & Modified Service Schedules

Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to be top of mind and the City of Black River Falls, like other individuals and businesses, wants to ensure we are doing our due diligence to take precautions and do everything possible to flatten the curve and minimize its impact.

Therefore, certain government buildings will be closed and service schedules modified as follows:

Elections: Polls are open today, Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Results will not be announced until after 5:00 pm on April 13th to allow for absentee ballots to be returned. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by April 7th and received by April 13th to be counted.

City Hall: Closed to the public beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2020 until further notice except for meetings of the governing body or its committees. The city administrative offices will be staffed with one employee Monday through Friday from 8:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:30pm. We will be available by phone at 715-284-2315 or by email. Emails and phone numbers for specific departments are available at the bottom of the home page on our website at www.blackriverfalls.us.

Police Department Lobby Window: Closed to the public until further notice. Administrative offices will be staffed from 8:00 am to Noon Monday through Friday. Administrative staff will be available by phone at 715-284-9155 or by email. Emails and phone numbers for specific departments are available at the bottom of the home page on our website at www.blackriverfalls.us.

Fire Department: Closed to the public until further notice. Administrative offices will be staffed so we will be available by phone at 715-284-2656 or by email. Emails and phone numbers for specific departments are available at the bottom of the home page on our website at www.blackriverfalls.us.

Public Library: Closed to the public until further notice.

Municipal Utilities: Closed to the public until further notice. Customers can continue to pay their bills by check using the US mail or the drop box located by our lobby door at 119 N. Water Street. Offices will be staffed so we will be available by phone at 715-284-9463 or by email. Emails and phone numbers for specific departments are available at the bottom of the home page on our website at www.blackriverfalls.us.

Public Safety Services: While some responses may be modified, Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services will continue to be staffed and respond to service calls.

Garbage & Recycling: The City will continue to collect garbage and recycling as regularly scheduled. While staff members will be taking extra precautions on these routes, residents are asked to put all garbage in a garbage receptacle to reduce the exposure to our employees. Receptacles must be standard type garbage containers, must be made of metal or plastic, must be watertight, must have a tight-fitting cover, must be equipped with handles or bail, and must have a capacity of not more than 32 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Receptacles must be kept clean and in a sanitary condition at all times. Paper bags, 5-gallon pails or 55-gallon steel or cardboard barrels or drums are not allowed for garbage containers.

Shared Ride Taxi: Running 6am-10pm daily

At this time, it is our intention to maintain all essential city functions with our employees continuing in their normal capacity while working remotely or within the facilities closed to the public.

We recognize that this is an unprecedented and unique situation and appreciate the public's flexibility and support. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as needed to ensure the safety of our employees and the public.

Updates will be provided on our Facebook page and on our website at:
www.blackriverfalls.us.