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Paris Issues State of Emergency

Paris, KY – During the March 24, 2020 City Commission meeting, Paris Mayor, John A. Plummer, issued a State of Emergency declaration for the City of Paris. The Mayor explained that the State of Emergency This shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when it is determined that a state of emergency no longer exists.

During the meeting the Mayor also announced several actions that the City will be undertaking precautions, and actions, to ensure the health and safety of our community, team members, and to help ensure the safety and financial stability of our community. Those measures include:

- Paris Combined Utilities will offer flexible payment plans to customers who indicate either an impact or hardship as a result of COVID-19 and will suspend late payment charges until May 1. Please call our utility customer service reps at (859) 987 – 2110 to discuss payment plan options. Like other utility providers it is important to note that these plans do not relieve the eventual obligation to pay your bill in full.
- Disconnects will be suspended until further notice.
- Until May 1, interest and penalties will not be charged to utility customers not able to pay the bill in full by the billing deadline.
- All payroll license withholdings for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 will be extended for thirty (30) days and will be due May 31, 2020 instead of April 30, 2020.
- The City of Paris will follow the federal guidelines on tax returns for net profits by extending the filing and payment deadline until July 15, 2020.
- For the safety of our team members, the Paris Combined Utility Payment and City Clerk/Treasure windows are closed to the public and all payments can be made over the phone, online, via mail, or by using the payment drop box in front of City Hall.
- Until further notice, and except for the Transfer Station, all City of Paris offices are closed to the public which includes the Recycling Center.

Mayor Plummer also announced that the City has established an online portal to share information from local, state, and national agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic. That page is located on the city's ClearGov Transparency website and can be accessed via the City's website at paris.ky.gov.

The Mayor closed his remarks by stating, "The City of Paris will continue to offer primary services and in compliance with recommendations from the Governor's office, the local Health Department, and the CDC. I, the Commissioners, and our full team are committed to help our residents, and corporate citizens, manage these uncertain times."

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