

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – MARCH 16, 2020

Good afternoon. I have some important information for El Lago residents regarding the City's Continuity of Operations Plan during this time of emergency due to the pandemic from the COVID-19 virus.

Under the authority of Harris County, the City is currently in a state of emergency per the disaster declaration of Harris County Judge Lina Hildago and dictates we follow suit with appropriate emergency response actions.

First, please know that the following plan being implemented is fully intended for our residents, city staff, city officials and the general public's safety.

We want to be very proactive and intentional in our efforts of social distancing to help aid in slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- We also highly recommend that residents follow the same social distancing protocol.
- Avoid large gatherings and to keep 6 or more feet from others.
- Wash hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer after having to be in contact with an individual, money or documents handled by another.
- If you have a health or physical issues which you believe causes you to need assistance during this emergency, please register with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry by dialing 2 1 1.

In compliance with both Federal and State recommendations, the additional following measures are to be followed for a minimum of the next two weeks and will be reassessed weekly.

1. All city buildings; including city hall, the municipal court, the fitness center, pool facility and park restrooms will not be open to the public.
2. City Staff will still continue to work at city offices and are available to assist residents through email, phones calls and the city website. Credit card payments for bills, tickets and permits will continue to be taken and processed by phone.
3. All regular activities at or sponsored by the city will be temporarily suspended. This includes all City Council, Board and Commission meetings, weekly court, fitness classes and any private events at rented city facilities.
4. Indoor Building Permit inspections will be postponed until further notice. Outdoor inspections can be coordinated through City Hall

I regret any inconvenience this is causing any of our residents. Please know we will continue to be in contact with the Governor's office and State Health Officials.

I intend to communicate with El Lago residents as often as is needed throughout this crisis, but no less than every two weeks until the current state of emergency is resolved.

For your reference, this information is also located on the City website at www.ellago-tx.gov.

Thank you.