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BEAVERTON ANNOUNCES CITY CLOSURES, BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, RESIDENTIAL EVICTION MORATORIUM AND ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSES

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton has announced the closure of all city buildings effective Wednesday, March 18 at 12 p.m. through at least Sunday, March 22, which may be extended as required. This includes City Hall, the Griffith Drive Building, both library locations, and other city buildings. Essential services such as police, public works, the Beaverton Severe Weather Shelter, and some non-essential services will continue operations.

“We are committed to maintaining essential services for our community, especially our most vulnerable residents,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “We also have a commitment to lead by example and act responsibly and in the best interest of our staff and others.”

The city has instituted a number of additional responses to COVID-19. Mayor Doyle has signed an emergency declaration imposing a moratorium on residential evictions, has suspended water shut-offs and library fines, and has declared a state of emergency for Beaverton.

In addition, the city is working to make available resources and funding for local businesses in Beaverton. The Emergency Business Assistance Program will provide grant funding to establishments within the city to assist with rental or mortgage payments during the COVID-19 pandemic. Details on the program will be announced soon.

The city has also cancelled all non-essential events and meetings through at least April 10 and remote business is highly encouraged. These responses and other preventative measures are considered critical in our efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

“Simple steps to keep yourself and others healthy remain our best defense,” continued Mayor Doyle. “Wash your hands, keep your distance and stay home as much as possible.”

The city has activated its Emergency Operations Center and is following its Continuity of Operations Plan. We also have increased our attention and added practices to the maintenance of our public buildings.

For the latest on city services, closures and additional COVID-19 related news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov.

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