



CITY OF FOREST CITY

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FOREST CITY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY TO ENACT PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Forest City – On March 16, 2020 the Forest City City Council declared a state of emergency to enact a policy to guide the City in responding to contagious diseases, specifically COVID-19. This policy establishes the protocol that will be used by the City of Forest City Officials and employees in the event the Governor of the State of Iowa declares an emergency due to an infectious disease.

The policy addresses the procedures for public access to City buildings, employee protective measures, and sanitation of work areas at City Hall, Streets and Sanitation, Forest City Police, Water and Wastewater, Electric, Paramedics, and Fire Departments. The Library, Cemetery and Parks and Recreation Departments must follow procedures set forth by their boards or commissions.

The following policies were enacted at City Council on March 16th and will continue until the state of emergency is lifted by Forest City City Council.

- **Effective immediately, City Hall is closed to public pedestrian traffic.** City Hall will continue to conduct business from 8-4:30 weekdays by phone. Residents can contact City Hall at 641-585-3574. Utility payments can be paid online, dropped in the City Hall mail slot or mailed to the City at 305 N. Clark Street. City information, including online payment information, can be found at www.cityofforestcity.com
- **Effective immediately, recycling pick-up has ended. Garbage pick-up will continue through this Friday, March 20. All recycling and garbage will need to be brought to the Streets and Sanitation Department** at 346 N. Golf Course Road. Garbage and Recycling can be dropped off Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7am -3pm and Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am – 6pm. If you are special needs and are unable to drop your garbage or recycle off, contact City Hall at 641-585-3574 for assistance.
- **All public buildings will have no public access during the state of emergency.**

The City of Forest City will continue to post updates on the home page of the city website – www.cityofforestcity.com as well as on its social media and local radio (KIOW FM107.3).

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