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CITY PLANS FOR PARTIAL REOPENINGS WITH COVID-19 REOPENING RESOLUTION #1

(MONROE, MI) – In light of Governor Whitmer’s recent Executive Order 2020-110 issued on June 1st, Monroe City Council held a special meeting last evening, Monday, June 8th, to discuss future operations including building openings, park operations, recreational programs, downtown business reopening, and other related items.

City Council proceeded to adopt COVID-19 Reopening Resolution #1 to begin reopening aspects of the community related to Executive Order 2020-110, subject to local rules and regulations. The resolution addresses three aspects of reopening: City facilities, recreation facilities, and the re-opening of restaurants and bars in the Downtown.

COVID-19 Reopening Resolution #1 details the following:

City Facilities:

- All City of Monroe facilities will remain closed through June 14th, 2020, at 11:59 PM. Essential critical and emergency City operations will remain in operation.
- The Opportunity Center at the ALCC shall be opened for limited purposes as designated by a plan submitted by the Monroe County Opportunity Program.
- Dorsch and Navarre libraries shall remain closed, but the libraries may provide curbside and walk-up services in accordance with the County-wide library plan.
- The Sawyer House will remain closed until further notice.
- Fire Station #1’s Training/Community Room shall remain closed until further notice.

Recreation facilities:

- All tennis and pickleball courts and skate parks will be reopened with appropriate signage posted regarding social distancing requirements.
- All other City recreational facilities shall remain closed. This action complies with the Governor’s Executive Order requiring maintaining a social distance of six feet for people not of the same household. It is not possible to insure compliance with other city recreation programs or facilities by the design of the recreation facility, the nature of the recreational activity, or the impracticality of sanitizing the facilities.

Downtown Reopening:

- In an effort to assist small businesses that have been negatively affected by the pandemic and the public health policies to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City Manager is authorized to enter into license agreements with business owners to expand commercial use into the public right-of-way by use of sidewalks, parking areas, and streets. Executive Order 2020-110 still provides limitations regarding the number of customers indoors and social distancing for outdoor

customers. This approach will allow retail and restaurants to successfully reopen in a timely manner, while simultaneously ensuring compliance with the Governor's executive order.

The City of Monroe reminds residents that residents can participate in public meetings remotely. Virtual City Council meetings will be live streamed to the City's YouTube Channel, www.youtube.com/c/CityofMonroeMichigan, as well as Comcast Cable Communications Channel 18. Participation information, in addition to the upcoming schedule of meetings can be found on the home page of the City's website: www.monroemi.gov

The public should continue to regularly monitor the City's website (www.monroemi.gov), Facebook page, [MyMonroe app](#) push notifications, the City's government channel (18/Comcast), and local media for updates.

The Monroe County Health Department recommends the following practices to reduce the spread of germs and protect everyone's health. Prevention measures include:

- Washing your hands often. Scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick, except to seek medical attention when necessary. If you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (see below), call ahead to your primary care physician for instruction on how to proceed.
- Wear a face covering when in any enclosed public space
- Routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then discard. Immediately wash your hands.
- Limiting attendance at large gatherings or community events.

COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two (2) days or as long as fourteen (14) days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. The [Monroe County Health Department](#) has a COVID-19 hotline. Please call 734.243.8600, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, if you have questions or concerns regarding coronavirus. Additionally, the latest information on Monroe County statistics can be found at the Monroe County Health Department Coronavirus Dashboard at:

[https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/coronavirus_\(covid-19\).php](https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/coronavirus_(covid-19).php)

About the City of Monroe

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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