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**CITY OF STURGIS EXTENDS CLOSURES IMPLEMENTS ADDITIONAL  
MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

STURGIS – In continuing response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation in Michigan, the City of Sturgis has taken further steps to comply with State of Michigan order to temporarily suspend non-essential activities. These actions include an extension of the closure of City facilities through April 13, 2020 as well as the modification or suspension of some City services during this same time. In addition to these required actions, the City Commission has also suspended utility disconnects and utility late fees.

In compliance with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 the City of Sturgis will be extending the closure of all City Facilities to the public from April 5 through April 13. This includes Sturgis City Hall, the Doyle Community Center, and the Sturges-Young Center for the Arts. Non-essential City Board and Commission meetings as well as any City-organized events will also be cancelled through April 13. Sturgis City Commission meetings and other essential public meetings will be held electronically and streamed live on YouTube. Meeting information will be posted on the City’s Facebook page, website, and the Sturgis247 Community Calendar ([sturgis247.com/calendar](http://sturgis247.com/calendar)).

Recognizing the need for residents to have uninterrupted utility service while being required to stay at home, the City Commission passed a resolution that suspended all utility

disconnections until May 15, 2020 and waived all utility late fees incurred from March 13, 2020 through April 13, 2020. Normal fees for service will continue to accrue and City Staff will mail bills monthly.

Under direction from the State, the City's Building Department is reviewing permits and inspecting only those projects authorized to start or continue under the Governor's Executive Order. All non-essential permits and inspections will be addressed when the Governor's restrictions are lifted. In addition, the department will conduct property maintenance inspections regarding the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences on a complaint basis during this time. Citizens can contact the Community Development Department with a complaint or general questions via email at [comdev@sturgismi.gov](mailto:comdev@sturgismi.gov) or call 269-659-7230.

For other City services residents should continue to contact departments via phone or email while City facilities are closed. Contact information for City departments can be located at [sturgismi.gov/contactus](http://sturgismi.gov/contactus). Requests for service or questions can also be submitted via the City's ActionLine online request system, available at [egovlink.com/sturgis/action](http://egovlink.com/sturgis/action).

For the latest and best information on COVID-19, including State orders and directives, health information, and the latest recommended measures to help prevent the spread of the virus residents can visit [michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus) and [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov). The City joins the State of Michigan in asking residents to Stay Home, Stay Safe and Save Lives.

Please continue to watch the City's Facebook page and website for more information, including department specific information related to COVID-19. You can also receive updates by signing up for Nixle alerts on the City's homepage.

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