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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KINGSLAND IMPLEMENTS CHANGES IN REGULAR OPERATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SPREADING CORONAVIRUS

KINGSLAND, GA—March 23, 2020 - On March 16, 2020, Kingsland Mayor Day issued a [Precautionary Declaration of Public Health Emergency](#). With this declaration, the City of Kingsland is changing its regular operations in an effort to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Water Utility Bills: Credit Card Fees Temporarily Waived For Online and Phone Payments

Due to the heightened concerns we are currently facing with COVID-19, utility customers are encouraged to utilize the online payment center and phone payment options. The City of Kingsland will temporarily waive [online](#) and phone credit card payment fees for the next 30 days effective March 16, 2020 - April 15, 2020. Kingsland utility payments can be made online at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/kingslandga or by calling 1-866-231-1537. All city payments may continue to be placed in drop boxes located at the Kingsland Welcome Center and the Kingsland Municipal Services, which has two payment drop boxes (One on the south side of the building on Williams Ave and another on the north side of the building). The Municipal Services Building will be closed to the public until further notice. Additional information about the Finance Department is available at www.kingslandgeorgia.com/69/Finance

Kingsland City Council Meeting Cancelled

The March 23, 2020 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 13, 2020. Details regarding the April 13th meeting will follow.

Kingsland Municipal Court Rescheduled

To protect citizens and staff, the Kingsland Municipal Court has rescheduled the April 1, 2020 and April 13, 2020 court dates. Reset dates are: April 1st arraignment court calendar has been moved to Wednesday, April 29th at 10:00 AM. April 13th trial docket has been moved to Monday, April 27th at 9:00 AM. The Municipal Court offices are closed until further notice. Additional information about the Municipal Court is available at www.kingslandgeorgia.com/395/Kingsland-Municipal-Court

Public Meetings

The Kingsland City Council is currently exploring options to live stream city council meetings and other public meetings that will include a queue for public input. Once implemented, the Kingsland City

Council Chambers will be closed to the public.

Public Safety and Essential Operations

Employees in essential operational positions (police, fire, EMS, water/sewer plant operations) will continue normal operations with the recommended safety precautions in place. To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, access is limited to all public safety offices.

Kingsland Fire Department

The Kingsland Fire Department offices will be closed to the public. However, all department services will continue as usual. As a safety measure, all public programs will be suspended until further notice. To request a public safety report, contact the Kingsland Fire Department at 912-729-8270. In case of an emergency, call 911. Additional information about the Fire Department is available at www.kingslandgeorgia.com/66/Fire-Department

Kingsland Police Department

In order to maintain an operational and healthy police force, the department will be altering some of the day-to-day activities. All employees will be at work and officers will be carrying out normal patrols. The Kingsland Police Department offices will be closed to the public; however, the department can be reached by phone at 912-729-8254. The following services are suspended: Fingerprinting services, VIN inspections, unlocking of unoccupied vehicles, and “Are You Okay?” checks. To obtain a report for an automobile crash, go online to www.buycrash.com. To file a report, call 911. During this time, officers have been instructed to limit casual interactions with the public and avoid certain courtesies such as shaking of hands. Additionally, certain non-emergency calls will be done by phone when no crime is in process and where no evidence can be obtained, such as misdemeanor thefts, incidents of fraud, medical calls, custody disputes, and civil disputes. These modifications are temporary and are intended to only last the duration of the current crisis. Additional information about the Police Department is available at www.kingslandgeorgia.com/73/Police-Department

Planning Department

The Planning Department offices are closed to public access until further notice. All permits, plan reviews, zoning applications, and business licenses will be processed by email and payments can be made by mail, drop boxes located at the Municipal Services Building or by calling 912-729-8222 to pay by phone. The department will be conducting building inspections as needed and any building permits, business licenses or Certificate of Occupancy certificates will be mailed or emailed to the applicants. If you need assistance, please email skimball@kingslandgeorgia.com or call 912-729-8222. Additional information about the Planning Department is available at www.kingslandgeorgia.com/74/Planning-Zoning

Kingsland Welcome Center

In support of social distancing efforts, the Kingsland Welcome Center will be closed to the public until further notice. If you need assistance, please email info@VisitKingsland.com or call 912-729-5999.

Non-Essential Staff and City Facilities

In the interest of public health and safety, the City of Kingsland will be limiting public access to all City

buildings and facilities. Kingsland City Hall, Municipal Services Building (closing effective 03/24/2020), Planning Department, Municipal Court, and the Welcome Center are temporarily closed to the public. Essential city staff will work remotely to ensure continuity of essential operations. All travel and non-essential meetings are suspended in an effort to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Please follow trusted sources of information, including the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), the [Georgia Department of Public Health \(DPH\)](#), and the [Coastal Georgia Health District](#). Regular updates will also be posted on the City website at www.KingslandGeorgia.com, on the Camden County website at www.CamdenCountyGa.gov, and to the [City of Kingsland](#) and [Camden County EMA](#) social media pages.

Please sign up for [CodeRED](#) to receive emergency notifications or text “CamdenCodeRED” to 99411 to enroll.

CAMDEN COUNTY COVID-19 PUBLIC INFORMATION

[Camden County Public Health Warning \(03/20/2020\)](#)

Camden County residents must take action immediately to avoid Community Spread of the COVID-19 Virus. [Read Full Notice...](#)

[Camden County Public Notice: COVID-19 Update \(03/16/2020\)](#)

Camden County and the Cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine have joined with the Camden County Sheriff’s Office, Camden County Schools, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, and Southeast Georgia Health System to form a unified response to the potential impacts of COVID-19 on Camden County citizens. [Read Full Notice...](#)

[Camden County Issues Precautionary Declaration of Public Health Emergency \(03/16/2020\)](#)

The Camden County Board of Commissioners has issued a Precautionary Declaration of Public Health Emergency. [Read Full Notice...](#)