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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City of Grayling COVID-19 Mitigation Measures**

In an effort to address concerns of the COVID-19 and Influenza crisis for both the community and our staff, the city is looking at taking necessary precautions to slow the transmission of these viruses. Currently, the city has experienced a significant impact from Influenza A & B causing staff shortages.

The City of Grayling has put the following operational changes in place effective immediately extending to April 13, 2020, at which time we will be reassessing these measures for any potential changes. These measures have been shared with the following agencies; Crawford County, District Health Department #10, Crawford County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Crawford County Sheriff Office/Dispatch and the Michigan State Police.

1. All City residents are discouraged from conducting business directly at City Hall that can be otherwise conducted via U.S. Mail, internet or by using the drop box located next to the front door of City Hall. In-person appointments for business that is not able to be accomplished can be made by calling City Hall at 989-348-2131. For those individuals who are sick or have been in the last 7 days are asked to reschedule their appointment.
2. It is our intention to have the City Hall fully operational, however, we are preparing for a reduction in staff due to potential illness affecting our staff across all departments including the Police, Public Works (water/sewer), Fire and Administrative Departments. Our staff will be available by phone to answer any questions related to typical municipal services.
3. Our Police will continue to serve and protect the needs of our City and community throughout this time period. Crawford County Central Dispatch will be triaging requests for police services and a determination will be made if a police presence will be required or if the situation may be handled by an officer

over the phone. The Department will be vigilant in coordinating response plans with our Health organizations such as District Health Department #10, Munson Hospital and Crawford County Emergency Management should a need arise. Anyone requiring a police report can contact the department at (989)348-4601.

4. The Fire Department has suspended all health and safety inspections during this time. For questions you can contact (989) 348-6319.
5. Department of Public Works has suspended all non-essential work in both residential and commercial properties. Appointment can be coordinated by calling City Hall at (989) 348-2131. All individuals are asked to reschedule if they or anyone else is sick in the building.
6. The City has suspended ALL meetings and gatherings scheduled in its buildings during this time, including City Council, DDA/GMS, Parks & Rec and Planning Commission. This also includes organizations utilizing the Nature Center.
7. Any scheduled and unscheduled gatherings of over 100 people throughout the City are discouraged from occurring.

It is the City's intention to continue to provide our residents and business community with continued service during this difficult time. Our team will continue to monitor federal, state and local updates. Health care related questions can be directed to District Health Department #10 at (989) 348-7800 or by logging onto [dhd10.org](http://dhd10.org). You can also keep up to date with this rapidly evolving situation by logging onto [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) or [CDC.gov/coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/coronavirus).

For information regarding City operational changes please contact City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum at (989)348-2131, Deputy Police Chief Amanda Clough at (989) 348-4601 or City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson at (989) 348-2131