



City of Cochran

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Declaration of State of Emergency and Curfew in the City of Cochran, Georgia

The City of Cochran is working to ensure the health and safety of our citizens, visitors, and employees as COVID-19 virus continues to spread across Georgia. Although no COVID-19 patients have been diagnosed yet in Cochran, we want to ensure that protections are in place for citizens and employees. The City is aligning itself with the responses that are being put in place by other area governments.

In accordance with the Emergency Operations Plan, and in conformance with the regulations of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, I hereby issue a State of Emergency in the City of Cochran, Georgia from 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until further notice.

During the State of Emergency, the following actions are effective in the City of Cochran:

- 1) A curfew will be enforced from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on each day. Exceptions will be made for travel to work, medical treatment, and for fuel, food or medicine pickup and delivery.


The goal of the curfew is to reduce the burden on public safety and health officials and to ensure the continued capability to handle the existing critical response to the virus outbreak.

- 2) Utility disconnect orders for March will be suspended and reconnect fees are waived. Penalties for late or non-payments will continue to accrue.
- 3) Access to City Hall and the City Police Department shall be restricted to “employees only” effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020 until further notice. All payments should be deposited in the drop box or made online. Doors to City Hall and the Police Department Lobby will be locked and appropriate payment/service information posted on the door. Citizens are encouraged to work with City staff regarding ongoing issues via telephone and email. The phone number to City Hall is (478) 934-6346 and the Police Department is (478) 934-4282. The e-mail to City Hall is info@cityofcochran.com.

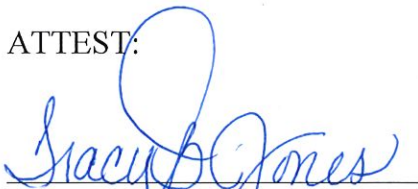
- 4) The City requests that Bleckley County 911 dispatchers continue to inquire about known illnesses (fever, respiratory distress, etc.) at the address for which emergency or law enforcement assistance has been requested. We appreciate 911 dispatchers notifying our responding emergency or law enforcement personnel of any such illnesses that will require special care.
- 5) Municipal Court dates will be rescheduled in response to the COVID-19 virus. Please contact the City Police Department at (478) 934-4282 to inquire about Municipal Court dates.
- 6) Advanced Disposal curbside trash and limb pick-up will continue unchanged.
- 7) City volunteer firefighters will only respond to accident and fire calls.
- 8) All citizens are encouraged to follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Governor's Office and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Practice social distancing and proper handwashing, avoid large events, stay home if sick, use hand sanitizers, and be especially protective of the elderly and chronically ill.
- 9) All citizens are encouraged to continue supporting our local businesses.

City officials are in regular contact with local and state agencies and our community partners to ensure that we have the most current information to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, visitors and employees. The City will continue to monitor this rapidly changing situation and will update policies as appropriate.

The City of Cochran appreciates the cooperation and compliance of all citizens with this State of Emergency. We wish everyone good health during this emergency.


Billy Yeomans, Mayor
City of Cochran

3/24/2020
Date

ATTEST:

Tracy Jones, City Clerk

