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### **City of Cumming to Restrict Public Access Effective March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020**

CUMMING, Ga. – Following recommendations from national health organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control, leaders have made the decision to restrict public access to all City of Cumming buildings and facilities effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. This temporary restriction will remain in effect through March 31, 2020.

City leaders made the decision to restrict public access out of an abundance of caution for the safety of both City employees and the public.

“Developing and implementing changes such as these is a tough balancing act,” said Mayor Troy Brumbalow. “We are a public entity, owing our existence to our citizens, and restricting access for them is a difficult step. However, City leaders have a responsibility to guarantee a safe workplace for our employees and a greater responsibility to our state and nation as a whole to do all we can to control the spread of this virus that is making its way across our country.

“Hopefully these will be short-term changes. We will be reassessing every day and keeping in touch with our employees and the public as we try to do the right thing for all concerned.”

With a goal of being proactive in efforts to reduce employee exposure to the Covid-19 virus, the City of Cumming has adopted the following changes in daily operations for the time period of March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020:

1. All departments will remain staffed and operational, but City business will be conducted by phone and electronically. Public access to City buildings will be restricted to appointments only and to absolutely necessary in-person meetings. Contact information will be posted at all locations and on the City’s news page along with other Covid-19 information ([www.cityofcumming.net/news](http://www.cityofcumming.net/news)).
2. All in-person meetings are to be changed to phone or video conferencing, if at all possible.

3. Citizen contact points will remain open via phone, email and the City's Website ([www.cityofcumming.net/ask-a-question](http://www.cityofcumming.net/ask-a-question)).
4. All Cumming Utility payments can be paid by phone, online or in the Utilities Night Deposit Box, located in the City Hall parking lot, across from the main entrance doors.

City leaders will continue monitoring the Covid-19 situation and any changes to this schedule will be posted as soon as possible to the City's news page ([www.cityofcumming.net/news](http://www.cityofcumming.net/news)) and the City's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CummingCityHall](http://www.facebook.com/CummingCityHall)).

The City of Cumming apologizes for any inconvenience, and thanks our patrons in advance for their patience and understanding.

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