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Mayor Barnett Declares State of Emergency in Rochester Hills

Rochester Hills, MI - As we collectively address the pandemic facing our local community, state and country, the City of Rochester Hills is working to minimize the public’s and our employees’ exposure to the coronavirus. Effective immediately, Mayor Bryan K. Barnett has issued a State of Emergency in the City of Rochester Hills.

This State of Emergency will allow the Mayor to make immediate decisions in the interest of the City’s health, safety and welfare. In light of the pandemic, Rochester Hills is implementing the following measures to mitigate the challenges of COVID-19:

- The City will modify the hours our buildings are open to the public for the remainder of the month of March to Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. This includes Rochester Hills City Hall and the Rochester Hills Fire Station.
- The Rochester Hills Public Services Building will be closed to the public.
- Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies, the Rochester Hills Fire Department and Rochester Hills Department of Public Services will continue to respond to calls. In the event of an emergency, continue to call 9-1-1.
- The Clerk's Office is suspending Passport Application Acceptance Services and Solicitation Licenses for 30 days, starting March 16 through April 15. All birth and death records can be applied for online at www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords.
- Rochester Hills residents are encouraged to use the City's website payment portal option for making payments and reporting concerns at www.rochesterhills.org.
- City staff will continue to work throughout the State of Emergency and can be reached via phone and email. City Hall can be reached at 248-656-4664 or mayorsoffice@rochesterhills.org.

City Council meetings will continue as scheduled. As always, residents will be able to view our City Council meetings online at www.youtube.com/rochesterhills.tv or via RHTV. The City’s Commissions & Boards meetings will also continue as scheduled. In addition, we’re evaluating all City events, particularly those that exceed the State of Michigan’s 250 person guidance for event size. News about the City’s meetings and events will be available on rochesterhills.org.

Please visit rochesterhills.org/coronavirus for more information, including a description of the symptoms of the virus and preventative measures residents can take to limit their exposure. The site also includes links to helpful county, state and federal resources. The coronavirus pandemic presents unprecedented challenges. We will continue to keep residents informed and will stay engaged in partnership with local, state and national leaders.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including CNNMoney magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation’s preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city’s focus on health, education, and technology; the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.