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**\*UPDATE\***

## **City of LaGrange Update on Coronavirus COVID-19**

*LaGrange, Ga. March 19, 2020* – The LaGrange Mayor and City Council have declared a state of emergency for the next 60 days. As a result the community can expect the following changes from the City of LaGrange:

- Most city buildings are now closed to the public. Public safety including the LaGrange Police Department and the LaGrange Fire Department remain open with a few restrictions. Please be aware when you call for public safety you will be asked a series of questions to provide the safety of our citizens and public safety. Police and Fire will ask citizens to meet the first responder at the front door and the report will be taken outside the residence. If you come to the police department, a report will also be made outside of the LPD building. You can continue to pay your utility bills through the mail, the city's drive thru or drop box at City Hall, 200 Ridley Avenue, online at [www.lagrangege.net](http://www.lagrangege.net), through your online banking or by phone at (706) 883-2030. You will no longer be able to walk into City Hall to pay your utility bill in person.

Customers are still responsible to pay for utility bills. The city will be suspending utility disconnections for non-payment of delinquent accounts. Requests for new service can be made through our utility website at [www.lagrange.net](http://www.lagrange.net).

- The City of LaGrange Municipal Court and Probation Services will be closed to the public. Defendants scheduled to appear in court Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled at a later date. To make a payment go to [www.lagrangemunicipal.org](http://www.lagrangemunicipal.org) or call 1-844-733-3166. To make a payment to the Probation Office please submit your money order (no cash) through the slot in the door of the Probation Office. Please make sure money orders are made out to LaGrange Municipal Probation and a name to credit is printed on the money order. The Probation Office is located in the rear of the building at 208 Ridley Avenue. If you have any questions please contact your probation officer.
- The deadline for purchasing or obtaining a business license is extended to 15 days after the emergency declaration expires.
- Public gatherings on public property owned or controlled by the city including any park, public square, public space, playground, recreational area or similar place of public gathering are prohibited. This does not include sidewalks, The Thread or designated pedestrian areas of parks for walking or other exercise where no organized gathering is occurring.
- Residents began receiving a robotic phone call/message from the LaGrange Mayor and Council urging the community to take the state of emergency and health warnings seriously. This communication began via phone and email messages Tuesday evening, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The following city events are cancelled or postponed:

- **CANCELLED**: The Mayor's Town Hall Meeting initially scheduled for Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
- **CANCELLED**: LaGrange Police Department Citizens' Police Academy beginning Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>
- **POSTPONED**: Home Fire Preparedness Campaign – Neighborhood Canvass Event Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>
- **POSTPONED**: LaGrange Youth Council Puppy Parade Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>
- **POSTPONED**: LaGrange Youth Council Application Process

**For more information on local resources please visit**  
**[coronavirus.lagrangega.org](https://www.coronavirus.lagrangega.org)**

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