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City of Sebastopol**ATTENTION**

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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MOVES TO “ESSENTIAL SERVICES ONLY” MODEL

[Updated as of March 17, 12pm] As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19, and in response to the most recent directives from the Governor yesterday, the City of Sebastopol is shifting to an **“essential services only” operations model beginning Tuesday, March 17, and continuing through April 5, 2020.**

Under this model, the City will focus on delivering “mission-essential services,” i.e., those related to functions that directly impact the life and safety of the public and/or City staff; and those related to statutes, laws, executive orders, or directives that charge the organization with mandatory responsibilities.

All public-facing City facilities (including City Hall, Building Department, Planning Department, Engineering Department, Public Works Department, Administrative Services/Finance Department) will be closed to the public beginning at the close of business on March 16 and continuing through April 5. Key essential staff will be working limited hours to continue our needed essential services to the community.

While Sebastopol Police Services and Sebastopol Fire Department will continue to provide first response as usual, the counter at the Fire Department is closed. The Police Department front lobby will remain open. For non-life-or-safety-threatening situations, we encourage the public to or call the 24/7 police non-emergency line at (707) 829-4400. As always, in the event of emergency, call 911.

Contact information and service availability for City departments can be found at the end of this Notice.

The decision to adopt an “essential services only” model of operation follows the guidance announced by Governor Newsom on Sunday, March 15—with the ultimate goal to reduce transmission of the coronavirus within the community, especially among staff and members of the public who would otherwise be interacting in-person.

The city takes our responsibilities as a full-service City very seriously - right now, that means prioritizing the services that are essential to the health and safety of our staff and community—such as responding to emergency calls, keeping our water and wastewater facilities operating, and maintaining our State and Federal obligations.

