

MEDIA RELEASE

“Stay Home” Order Closes Municipal Buildings to the Public, “Work Remote” for Many Town Employees

SAHUARITA, Ariz. — In compliance with the Arizona State Governor’s Executive Order 2020-18, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected,” the Town of Sahuarita (TOS) is closing most municipal buildings to the public with the exception of Sahuarita Police Department and Sahuarita Municipal Court as essential services. As the governor’s order also encourages remote employment wherever possible, all town departments will have employees work from home wherever possible. “Public health is our number one priority,” said Mayor Tom Murphy. “We’re supportive of all necessary measures to mitigate damages. We ask that our residents and businesses also follow the lead of our governor in helping to prevent the continued spread of this disease. We know our community has great strength in cooperation and teamwork. Doing business with your favorite local businesses online is a great way to show support.”

Wastewater utility and municipal parks remain open. We encourage residents to enjoy outdoor time, but ask that they observe social distancing of six feet to prevent the spread of illness and continue to follow the CDC guidelines of keeping gatherings to 10 people or fewer, and practicing good hygiene: washing hands regularly, and cleaning frequently used surfaces and items.

As essential services, defined by the governor, residential and commercial construction will continue in Sahuarita. Our planning and building department has instituted remote inspections in order to keep projects moving. Plans and building-related documents can be dropped off (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in the Sahuarita Police Department lobby at 315 W. Sahuarita Center Way, and relevant staff will follow up with contact by phone or email. Wastewater payments, notices of service, and other deliveries may also be dropped off at this location. All mail and deliveries are being put into 24-hour quarantine, but will be marked as received on the date they are dropped off. Town notary services are suspended until further notice. Questions about wastewater may be directed to 520-344-7101 and other, general questions, may be directed to our main switchboard with the town clerk at 520-822-8801.

The next town council meeting, scheduled for April 27, will take place telephonically (and will be streamed live through YouTube, as has previously been done). The town is currently vetting the best option for taking comments from the public during the meeting. Information for submitting comments during this meeting will be published on our website at www.sahuaritaaz.gov.

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