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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** **For Immediate Release**

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### **City of Kearney COVID-19 Response Update: March 20**

The City of Kearney is joining many other businesses and government offices that have decided to make changes in their working environment and operations in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City provides all essential services for our citizens and surrounding communities that impact their lives on a daily basis. It is of paramount importance to us that the services and operations citizens depend upon are available, while at the same time we know we must keep our employees and our citizens healthy.

As of *March 20, 2020*, the following are updates in operations from various City Departments:

#### **City Clerk; Lauren Brandt, (308) 233-3216**

- Public meetings will be available via teleconference
  - City Council: Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Using a phone, call (224) 501-3412. You will be prompted to provide the following access code: 773-693-677 by using your phones keypad.
- HotMeals USA
  - Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, HotMeals USA in Kearney will move all operations to the MONA parking lot until further notice.

#### **Assistant City Manager's Office; Eric Hellriegel, (308) 233-3222**

- Parking stalls within Downtown Kearney will be temporary closed to provide convenient access to food service facilities for carryout/curbside dining for patrons. The parking stalls closed will be in close proximity to food service establishments that are providing creative dining options in response to COVID-19. The following establishments in Downtown Kearney with carryout or curbside options include:

- Chicken Coop
- Cunningham's Journal
- Fanatics
- Kitt's Coffee House
- Ktown Cakes
- Thunderhead Brewing
- Tru Cafe



*We provide services, solutions, and opportunities for our community.*

**Utilities Department; Tony Jelinek, (308) 233-3259**

- Due to the safety precautions being taken to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, the Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency Landfill will not take payment by means of cash. The only payment options that will be accepted by the landfill will be credit/debit cards and charge accounts until further notice.

This practice is to help enforce social distancing and slow the transfer of the virus between people by the act of cash transactions. Questions or concerns regarding this new payment policy should be directed to Kim Grotrian, Account Clerk for the landfill billing at (308) 233-3617.

The City of Kearney is continuing its effort to provide the safest and best service to its customers during this troubled time. The City wishes for all citizens to be safe and remember to follow the guidelines as set by the CDC in preventing the spread of the virus.

**Check out our web site at [www.cityofkearney.org](http://www.cityofkearney.org).**

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