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

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City of Kearney COVID-19 Response Update: April 1

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. 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 *April 1, 2020*, the following are updates in operations from various City Departments:

City Clerk, Lauren Brandt, (308) 233-3216

Kearney City Council will host a Special City Council meeting on Friday, April 3 at 12:00 p.m. To access this meeting please use the following information:

Using GoToMeeting (no account/subscription/payment required):

- *View from your computer, tablet or smartphone:*
<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofKearney>
- *View through the GoToMeeting App: 773-693-677 (known as the Meeting ID)*
- *Listen to audio only through your phone: 1-224-501-3412*
Access Code: 773-693-677 followed by the pound or hash sign

Park & Recreation; Scott Hayden, (308) 234-8082

Playgrounds are now closed until further notice. Park benches and outdoor equipment should be avoided until further notice, because it is not feasible to clean and sanitize on a regular basis. All park restrooms will remain closed until further notice.

Kearney Police Department; Bryan D. Waugh, (308) 233-5265

In an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Kearney Police Department and Buffalo County Sheriff's Office are changing the way we accept and handle applications for Firearms Purchase Certificates. Walk-In requests for Firearms Purchase Certificates are no longer accepted. These steps are being taken to limit the need for citizens to visit the Law Enforcement Center. Application packets are now located in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – Noon, or online. The online option is the preferred method to obtain the application packet. The packet includes instructions on how to fill out the application,

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information about what documentation is needed, a contact sheet for the applicant name and phone number, as well as the application itself. Once complete, the application should be mailed back to the address provided with appropriate payment method.

Online Kearney Applications and instructions are available by visiting <http://www.cityofkearney.org/1894/Firearm-Purchase-Permit> and returning the application by mail.

Online Buffalo County Applications and instructions are available by visiting <https://www.buffalocounty.ne.gov/files/Sheriff/2020/Firearm%20application.pdf> and returning the application by mail.

Check out our web site at www.cityofkearney.org.

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