



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**April 24, 2020**

**CITY OF SAVANNAH RESIDENTS**

For the past month and a half starting with Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order #14 dated March 12<sup>th</sup> the City of Savannah Government has implemented the requirements of this and subsequent orders as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Lee announced on Monday that his "Stay-At-Home" executive order will expire on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> with no further extensions planned. This morning, April 24<sup>th</sup> Governor Lee presented at his daily briefing the proposal for reopening the economy in Tennessee.

The "Tennessee Pledge" is a plan to help Tennesseans return to work in a safe environment, restore their livelihoods and reboot our state's economy.

This twelve-page document and associated Press Release can be found at the following links:

[https://www.tml1.org/sites/default/files/tml/pdf/erg\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.tml1.org/sites/default/files/tml/pdf/erg_guidelines.pdf)

[https://www.tml1.org/sites/default/files/tml/pdf/tn\\_pledge\\_release.pdf](https://www.tml1.org/sites/default/files/tml/pdf/tn_pledge_release.pdf)

We apologize for the inconvenience and ask that the public please be patient and understanding in our efforts to address present day situations. Please be diligent in your efforts to be safe and continue to follow social distancing and CDC guidelines.

Bob Shutt  
Mayor



## **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT CITY OF SAVANNAH BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.?**

Based on this initial document and proposed phased-in strategy for reopening Tennessee businesses, the following was proposed to date:

**Restaurants –** Open Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 50% capacity including the following measures, Employee Protection, Consumer Protection and Business Process Adaptations

**Retail Stores -** Open Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 50% capacity including the following measures, Employee Protection, Consumer Protection and Business Process Adaptations

In regard to other business and/or organization types the following was stated in reference to proposed reopening schedules for these facilities,

**“Further guidance is expected next week regarding churches, gyms, and medical procedures. Close contact services including salons, barber shops, etc. will not re-open until Phase 2.”**

At this time, the above information is all that is available in regard to reopening of our local businesses and organizations. In addition, the Governor’s “Stay-at-Home” Executive Order No. 27 remains in effect until 11:59 PM April 30, 2020 at which time it is scheduled to expire. We will continue to update you as new information, dates, etc. become available. Please follow our City of Savannah Facebook page and/or Website for future updates.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cityofsavannahtn](http://www.facebook.com/cityofsavannahtn)

Website: <https://cityofsavannah.org/>



## **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT CITY OF SAVANNAH FACILITIES/OPERATIONS?**

### **City Hall**

City Hall will continue to remain closed to public access during the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>. All departments continue to conduct business during normal work hours Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. We encourage all residents to call the desired department for business transactions via phone.

On Monday, May 4, 2020 City Hall will resume public access to the building. We encourage all residents to first call the Savannah City Department desired to see if business can be handled with a phone call versus an in-person contact. If you must come to City Hall, please use the front door (all other doors will be locked). There will be a hand sanitizing station located near the front doors and you will be asked to use it prior to conducting business in City Hall.

### **Savannah Utility Department**

Alternate options for paying your bill:

Online service: <https://new.nexbillpay.net/cityofsavannahutilitydepartment>

Bill pay via Utility Drive-thru and Drop Box available at City Hall

If you need any forms, we will be happy to email, fax and/or mail them to you.

Please call 731-925-4216 to request them.

### **Savannah Fire Department**

If you need a copy of any reports, need a Burn Permit, need smoke detectors or have any non-emergency questions please call 731-925-8257. As always if you have an emergency please call 911.

### **Savannah Building & Codes Department**

If you need a permit or have questions, please call 731-925-8007

### **Savannah Public Works Department**

Please call 731-925-5061



### **Savannah Police Department**

The Savannah Police Department will remain closed to public access until further notice. If you need a copy of any reports or have any non-emergency questions, please call 731-925-3200. For non-emergencies that require you to speak with an officer please call 731-925-4989. As always if you have an emergency please call 911.

### **Savannah Parks & Recreation Department**

Status of City park facilities and programs are as follows:

- Wayne Jerrolds River Park will be opened to the public on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> during daylight hours for passive recreation (walking, biking, etc.). This also includes the boat ramp and dock. Social distancing and CDC guidelines must be followed. Public restrooms and pavilions will remain closed.
- Savannah City Park will be opened to the public on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> during daylight hours for passive recreation (walking, biking, etc.). Restrooms, playground, pavilions, tennis court, skatepark and ball fields will remain closed. Disc golf will be allowed subject to social distancing and CDC guidelines.
- Harbert and Hank Deberry 4-Field ball fields will remain closed. A decision will be made by May 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of Savannah Parks & Recreation spring/summer sports programs and teams/players notified accordingly.
- Savannah Theater, Savannah Market and Tennessee Street Park facilities will remain closed until further notice.
- Savannah Veterans Park will re-open on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Social distancing and CDC guidelines must be followed.