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ALBION CITY MANAGER ISSUES GUIDANCE ON STATUS OF CITY SERVICES

City will Continue to Comply with Governor's COVID-19 Executive Orders

ALBION, MICHIGAN, Wednesday, June 3, 2020--- Albion City Manager Darwin McClary is extending the closure of all nonessential city operations, services, and buildings until further notice as a result of the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. The City Manager's actions are in accordance with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-110 requiring temporary restrictions on certain events, gatherings, and businesses. City Manager Darwin McClary notified employees and the Albion city council on Tuesday of the decision.

The city of Albion previously closed all nonessential city operations on March 23 as a result of the growing number of Michigan coronavirus cases. The City Manager has designated public safety, finance and treasury, building permitting and inspections, code enforcement, public utilities, and public works operations as essential, but department directors will have authority to designate other services as essential if needed in compliance with state law. Essential personnel are required to maintain social distancing, wear personal protective equipment, properly sanitize work stations and equipment after use, and practice appropriate

hygiene as required by the state or as recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Nonessential personnel will work from home if possible and will not lose their regular pay, although these employees must be able to perform work from home or be available for essential work assignments if called upon during their normal working hours.

City council meetings will continue to be held remotely via the Zoom webinar platform through at least June 30 as permitted by Executive Order 2020-75.

Parks will remain open to the public for use for biking, walking, running, picnicking, and similar activities in accordance with social distancing requirements. Playground equipment and bathroom facilities will remain closed since they are not sanitized regularly and cannot be used without violating social distancing requirements.

"The governor has made clear that remote work and social distancing continue to be required whenever possible to help protect Michigan's workers and their families," McClary explains. "Her most recent order provides no reason to change the city's current practices, and we must continue to do everything reasonably possible to protect our city employees and our citizens."

Deputy Public Safety Chief Jason Kern is serving as the city's emergency management liaison and is advising the City Manager, Chief of Public Safety, and Mayor Dave Atchison on all emergency operations. The city operates under Calhoun county's hazard mitigation plan and the city's local emergency operations support plan for emergency planning and response.

The City Manager will continue to assess the Covid-19 situation and will decide any changes in the status of city operations regularly based on further orders and guidance from the state and federal governments.

ABOUT THE CITY OF ALBION AND CITY MANAGER

The City of Albion, Michigan, is an historic, diverse, progressive, welcoming, and affordable community of 8,600 residents nestled between Battle Creek and Jackson along the I-94 corridor in eastern Calhoun county. Albion serves as the proud home of Albion College. The City Manager is the chief administrative officer of the city government, responsible for the efficient and effective operations of all city departments, services, and personnel. Darwin McClary possesses more than 30 years of Michigan municipal management experience and has served as Albion's City Manager since September 2019.

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