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La Marque Municipal Buildings Closed to the Public, Court Postponed

Citizens encouraged to practice social distancing, take care of city business online

La Marque, Texas (March 17, 2020) – The City of La Marque leadership and the Office of Emergency Management continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and implement policies designed to protect our employees and the citizens of La Marque.

The following measures went into effect on Monday, March 16, 2020:

- In addition to La Marque City Hall and La Marque Public Library, the La Marque Code Compliance, Economic Development Corporation, Development Services, Finance, Fire Administration and Public Works lobbies are closed to the public until further notice.
- All Municipal Court dockets scheduled for March are postponed. Court staff is working diligently to notify all defendants of a new date and time of court hearings by mail, phone and email. If you have any questions, please contact the court at 409-938-9245. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Any business that can be conducted online shall be until further notice. Online resources:

- Development Services Permits – DS.cityoflamarque.org
- Report a Concern - concern.cityoflamarque.org
- Utility Billing water and trash bills – UB.cityoflamarque.org

As a reminder, permitting of gatherings utilizing public facilities is suspended. Permits for the use of parks and city buildings for private events will resume after the emergency declaration is lifted.

Following the lead from federal, state and county mandates, city officials recommend citizens of La Marque avoid discretionary travel and limit gatherings to fewer than 10 people.

Practice social distancing. This means avoiding crowded places and maintaining distance from others when possible. Social distancing examples include working from home instead of at the office, pickup and delivery of food instead of dining in restaurants, visiting loved ones by electronic devices instead of in-person and canceling or postponing conferences and large meetings.

The City of La Marque will continue to publish updates as they become available. Please register for News Flash e-notifications and Connect CTY Emergency Alerts at connect.cityoflamarque.org and follow @cityoflamarque on social media.

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About the City of La Marque: The City of La Marque is in Galveston County, 15 miles south of Houston and four miles north of Galveston Island. La Marque is the second-fastest-growing city in the County with an estimated population of 16,700, an area of 14.25 square miles and boasting 14.3 miles of I-45 frontage—more than any other city in Galveston County. Citizens enjoy easy, breezy coastal living, abundant housing options and the security of a hurricane protection levee system. La Marque is a sportsman's paradise and offers access to world-class medical, travel and entertainment opportunities. Citizens and visitors enjoy Bayou Fest, a fall concert series and BBQ Cook-Off providing free family fun; Magical Winter Lights, a 52-day holiday lantern festival; and Crawfish Bash, an annual crawfish cook-off that earned a Guinness World Record in 2017. For business, La Marque offers prime I-45 frontage, creative incentives, an abundance of commercial property, a budding downtown revitalization and build-to-suit opportunities. La Marque is the Gateway to the Gulf and the Hub of the Mainland. Discover the possibilities at www.cityoflamarque.org.