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PRESS RELEASE

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Effective Tuesday, March 17, in response to Governor Brown’s Executive Order which is effective at 2pm today, limiting the number of people at a gathering to 25 people, the City of The Dalles is taking steps to help slow the transmission of the coronavirus and ensure the safety of our community.

**All** non-essential meetings have been cancelled through April 17. This includes all City Council and Commission/Committee Meetings. In the event that essential meetings are required, methods of public access will be announced that may include audio and live-streaming video access.

All City office lobbies have been closed to the public. Staff is available by phone and the City Hall drop box located on Third Street next to the parking lot may be used to transmit documents. Planning applications will also be accepted via city hall drop box. Utility Payments and Planning Application fees can be paid online. [www.thedalles.org](http://www.thedalles.org)

Calls can be directed to:
- Water and Sewer: (541) 506-2031
- Municipal Court: (541) 541-296-5481 Ext 1110
- Planning and Permits: (541) 296-5481 Ext 1125
- Public Works: (541) 296-5401
- Public Works –after hours emergency: 541-980-7703
- Police Department Non-Emergency: (541) 296-2613
- The Dalles/Wasco County Library (541) 296-2815

In addition, Municipal Court and The Dalles Wasco County Library are closed until April 17.

The Cruise ships have postponed starting the cruise season until April 12.

This is a rapidly changing situation. Please check the City’s home page and Facebook page for official information about City operations.

Now is a good time to check in with your neighbors, especially those who are most at-risk; and ensure they have what they need to stay safe and secure.

Official Information in regards to the coronavirus can be found on the North Central Public Health Website [https://ncphd.org/](https://ncphd.org/)

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