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MEMORANDUM

To: Residents of Alexander City

From: Thomas J. Spraggins
Mayor

The State of Alabama has now confirmed the diagnosis of the first known case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within its borders. The City of Alexander City has been, for the last several weeks, actively reviewing and preparing to implement our procedures for operations during an outbreak. All Department Heads understand their role in maintaining City operations as close to normal as possible if any employees become affected by the virus and are committed to working together in a 24/7 cross-department operation if necessary. The safety of the citizens of Alexander City is, as always, our top priority.

I am personally requesting our citizens take the following steps to minimize the potential impacts of local coronavirus cases:

- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially in affected areas. This virus is easily spread through social contact and limiting contact inhibits its spread.
- If possible, make all payments or requests for information, including City utilities, through the United States Postal Service, on-line, through email, or use of drop-boxes.
- Remain calm and do not participate in "panic buying". Everyone needs to have supplies available and be able to purchase necessities as required.
- In cases of emergency, always call 911; however, any incident that can be safely handled without police, fire, or EMS personnel leaves them available to respond to true emergencies which could well increase as a result of this virus.
- Follow these instructions to minimize risk to yourself and others: stay home when you are sick, wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds, cover your mouth with tissues whenever you sneeze, and discard used tissues in the trash, avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms and regularly clean frequently touched surfaces.

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The City of Alexander City and its citizens have proven to be resilient time and again during and following challenging events. You have my assurance the employees of the City will work tirelessly to insure the safety and well-being of all residents, and I am sure I can count on your cooperation as we work to minimize the effects of coronavirus (COVID-19).