

For Immediate Release – March 23rd, 2020

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FLORENCE, SC – Effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the City of Florence will begin an updated operations schedule to continue its efforts to protect employees and citizens by minimizing opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community. This announcement is in addition to all closings and cancellations included in the city's initial release on March 17, 2020.

The City continues to follow recommendations released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on social distancing, and measures taken across the nation to include travel bans, school closures, quarantines and event cancellations. To allow for additional social distancing within the city workforce, the city is staggering work schedules of some of its employees and sharing work time between the office and home. City officials will continue to monitor the impact and need of such restrictions, and under the direction of the CDC and directives from the South Carolina Governor's Office will re-evaluate these actions as circumstances change.

The City requests that customers call prior to visiting city facilities to determine if you can be assisted by phone, e-mail, etc. To accommodate new scheduling of employees, the City Center at 324 W. Evans Street will **CLOSE** from 11:30am - 1:30pm and have the following operating hours:

- 8:30am 11:30am
- 1:30pm 5:00pm

As a resource for the community, the City has created a page on the City website, <u>www.cityofflorence.com</u> related to the COVID-19 Response. Residents will find all press releases and other helpful resources. The cooperation of Florence residents with social distancing and other efforts set forth by the CDC is greatly appreciated as we all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.