

Limitations to Camp Verde Town services amid Covid19, Coronavirus emergency

Press Release

March 18, 2020

The Town of Camp Verde will have limited services to the public from March 23, 2020 until April 6, 2020 in accordance with the Emergency Proclamation issued on March 18, 2020 by Mayor Charles German.

Our municipal departments will continue to accommodate the needs of our community through virtual means and limited in-person access.

PHONE ACCESS:

The Town Hall phones will continue to be answered between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday's. At other hours, you can leave a voice message and your call will be returned, the next business day. We ask that all non-essential in person meetings be canceled or conducted by phone or video conference through April 6, 2020 (this includes work related meetings, recreational activities, etc.) We encourage any member of the public that needs services, to consider making an appointment by email or call before they come in to ensure we can adequately address their need.

EMERGENCY SERVICES will continue to function as usual and ***EMERGENCIES SHOULD ALWAYS BE CALLED INTO 9-1-1.***

TOWN STAFF: Town Manager Russ Martin and Clerk Cindy Pemberton will function during normal business hours and remain available for consultation by phone, email or by appointment during this time. To reach either by phone, call Town Hall at 928-554-0000 during normal business hours. Emails can be sent at any time to Cindy Pemberton at Cindy.pemberton@campverde.az.gov and to Russ Martin at russ.martin@campverde.az.gov and they will respond as soon as possible.

MARSHAL'S OFFICE: Functions will continue as usual with the following exceptions: The Marshal's office has suspended the following activities until April 6, 2020: Fingerprinting, Ride-A-Long Program, Facility Tours, VIP (volunteer) services, and purchasing of dog license. Public records request will be completed through email at marshal@campverde.az.gov or by fax at 928-567-8302. For 30 day impound hearing information and or request, please call 928-554-8300. Animal Control services will be on a case by case basis depending on severity.

COURTS Limited access. Please call 928-567-6635

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Functions will continue, but the response time may be increased. We are asking for 48 hours' notice for inspections; we will respond to messages and emails to make arrangements, as appropriate. Staff will be available by email, phone or

in person by appointment only. For questions regarding BUILDING PERMITS OR INSPECTIONS, call Community Development during normal business hours at 928-554-0050

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Limited access. The Camp Verde Visitor Center has been closed until April 6, 2020. Staff will work by appointment and be available by phone and email. Visitor updates will be available at Visitcampverde.com

HUMAN RESOURCES Will be available during normal business hours via email, phone, or by appointment. Job Postings will be available on our town website www.campverde.az.gov and www.governmentjobs.com/careers/campverde. Interviews for these open positions will not begin until we re-evaluate on April 6th. Emails with questions can be sent directly to brandy.cabrera@campverde.az.gov and you will receive a response as soon as possible or you may leave a voicemail at 928-554-0011.

CAMP VERDE LIBRARY: Starting Monday, March 23, the Library will reduce open hours to Monday through Friday 10:00a – 5:00p. Staff will be available from 9:00a – 6:00p to take calls and respond to emails. Checkout times have been extended to 8 weeks and HOLDS will not be canceled if they are not picked up. Library materials may be returned in the outside Book Return 24/7. Staff will empty the return and check the items daily. Meetings, library programs, and room use are canceled until further notice. We will continue to update our community via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/campverdelibrary/ and to provide virtual support with online resources at www.cvlibrary.org. These changes also affect the Adult Learning Center located on the first floor of the Library. For information about GED, citizenship and English classes call 928-554-8398 or go to www.cvarp.org. Please contact Library Director, Kathy Hellman directly at 928-554-8381 with your questions, comments or requests.

PUBLIC WORKS: Streets services will be delayed. Work order requests can be called in or emailed to 928-554-0823 or publicworks@campverde.az.gov. Engineering, Admin, Stormwater and the Maintenance Department will be available during normal business hours via email, phone, or by appointment. Please contact dorie.blair@campverde.az.gov or 928-554-0823.

WASTEWATER/SEWER PAYMENTS: Plant function will continue as usual. Utility Payments should be conducted by check. Please mail payment or drop it off in the drop box located at 473 S. Main Street. Contact Tracey Feltes 928-554-0872 or tracey.feltes@campverde.az.gov for sewer payment questions.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The office will remain locked. One person will be available during normal business hours by phone and email. You may contact 928-554-0820 ext. 3. Or parks&recreation@campverde.az.gov. The facility shower is available. Please contact 928-554-0820 ext 3 to make arrangements.

RISK MANAGEMENT: please contact Carol Brown at (928) 554.0003 or carol.brown@campverde.az.gov

COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS will continue as scheduled but will address only essential matters. We are currently looking into live streaming options to facilitate public access without the need to be physically present. More information on that will be posted as it becomes available.

ACTIVITIES Large-scaled public events anticipating 10 people or more through April 6, 2020 has been cancelled. Including: Day and Friday Camp, Friday trips, Pickleball, Diamondback monitor, Adjust and the Pecan & Wine Festival. Classes and any activities where 10 or more people may be present. The gym will be closed until further notice.

Other staff may also be reached by leaving a message at Town Hall or emailing them. Full contact information is on our website, www.campverde.az.gov.

Mayor German's Emergency Declaration

March 18, 2020

Mayor Charles German has issued a proclamation declaring an emergency with respect to the coronavirus. Essential services will not be interrupted. Emergency services and public works will continue to function as usual. Phones will be manned at Town Hall during regular operating hours. Ongoing information will be posted on the Town's website regarding other services and accessibility as it becomes available. Our goal is to minimize the impact on our residents while safeguarding them and our staff.



Town of Camp Verde

PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Camp Verde is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan Town, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of International concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the national Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services recommend that (1) for the next 8 weeks organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more, (2) statewide closures of Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020 and (3) recommend telework and other alternatives when available; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 President Trump issued his "Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread" which provides guidance to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people and direction to "listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities"; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Camp Verde; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Camp Verde; and

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Camp Verde; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is a growing problem in the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on the Town of Camp

Verde because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Camp Verde; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the Town of Camp Verde to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities.


NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A local emergency exists in the Town of Camp Verde due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
2. As a result of said emergency, I hereby impose the following regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town:
 1. Limited public access to Camp Verde Town Hall located at 473 S. Main Street until April 6, 2020 while preserving essential services for Town residents;
 2. Strongly encourage Camp Verde local businesses and residents to observe CDC guidelines, and in accordance of local, County and State emergency guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by State Law and by Ordinances and Resolutions of Town of Camp Verde. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Town, by Yavapai County, and by the State of Arizona and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

Additional information for those needing Town services will be provided soon on the Town's website at www.campverde.az.gov.

Proclaimed this 18th day of March 2020



Charles German, Mayor

3/18/2020

Date

ATTEST:



Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk

March 18, 2020

Date