**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**City of Decatur Municipal Government Updates – Wednesday, March 18**

**City Clerk – Updated Permit Procedures**

In light of the recommended social distancing policies, the City of Decatur’s City Clerk Office will temporarily suspend the issuance of multi-residential yard sale permits at this time.

If residents need any other permits, they can request an appointment by calling 256-341-4534 or 256-341-4535. Residents can also email CityClerksOffice@Decatur-AL.gov.

**Parks & Recreation Department – Park Visitation Policies**

Decatur Parks & Recreation asks that visitors who frequent the playgrounds and greenspaces still open to the public follow the CDC and Alabama Public Health Department guidelines for social distancing. Visitors should maintain a distance of six feet from other individuals. No more than ten people should be at any park or facility at the same time.

The following facilities are temporarily closed, effective yesterday:

* Aquadome Recreation Center
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* Fort Decatur Recreation Center
* Ingalls Harbor Pavilion
* Jack Allen Soccer Complex
* Jimmy Johns Tennis Center
* Old State Bank
* T.C. Almon Recreation Center
* Southern Railway Train Depot
* Wilson Morgan Ballfields

**City Revenue Department – Electronic Contact**

The City of Decatur’s Revenue Department asks that residents who need assistance use one of the following methods for contact and payments:

* Website: <https://www.decaturalabamausa.com/departments/revenue-department/>
* Email: TaxHelp@Decatur-AL.gov or BusinessLicense@Decatur-AL.gov
* Phone: (256) 341-4546 (for appointments)

**Public Safety – Decatur Fire & Rescue, Decatur Police Department**

Decatur Fire & Rescue and Decatur PD are responding to calls and continuing operations, as normal.

Residents who need a walk-in report filed with the Decatur Police Department may call (256) 341-4600 and an officer will assist them over the phone.

Residents who need a copy of a police report can email pdrecords@decatur-al.gov or call (256) 341-4618 or (256) 341-4619 for further guidance on obtaining reports.

Driving school classes have been temporarily postponed. The Decatur Municipal Court will contact those who have registered with updated course information when it becomes available.

**COVID-19 – Update**

In the event that a municipal employee or visitor of City Hall feels ill, the following precautions, as outlined by the Alabama Department of Public Health, will be taken:

* The employee or visitor will be strongly encouraged to contact the 24/7 hotline at 1-888-264-2256 for testing sites and hours of operation.
* After testing, the City of Decatur employee should go home to self-isolate and remain there until their results are reported to them by their healthcare provider.
* Anyone who has been tested and is awaiting results will be instructed to stay at home and will not be permitted on the premises.

The Alabama Department of Public Health’s full list of testing procedures can be found at: <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/cov-testing.html>