



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 23, 2020**

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### **The City of Abilene Takes Precautions in Wake of COVID-19**

Following its Monday, March 23 Abilene City Commission special meeting, the City of Abilene has implemented warning situation protocols in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective at 8:00 AM, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, only essential personnel are to report to work for two weeks, or through April 7, 2020.

Please note, steps are in place to allow for the continuation of City business, while still adhering to these protocols.

The decision was made to align with the following:

- The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 days to slow the spread, which began on March 16 and involves avoiding gatherings of 10 or more people for a 15-day period.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for the next eight weeks, which recommends that organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.
- Governor Kelly's Executive Order NO. 20-04, effective through May 1 on social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Kansas.

While this applies *only* to the City of Abilene employees, we believe it is a prudent and responsible approach, and we encourage other entities to consider doing so as well.

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## **City of Abilene Bill Payment Options**

While the City of Abilene is taking precautions in the wake of COVID-19, there are several options for residents to pay their utility bills.

City of Abilene Utility payment options:

### **1. Online (preferred)**

- Register online at [abilenecityhall.com](http://abilenecityhall.com) click the link “pay my bill”
- Through this online account residents can set up autopay with a checking account or have the option to pay by credit card.
- Online account allows the ability to view past bills and usage history with a click of a button.

### **2. Drop Box (Located in front of City Hall South of the front steps)**

### **3. By Mail**

- Address checks to:  
City of Abilene  
419 N. Broadway  
P.O. Box 519  
Abilene, KS 67410