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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**Watervliet City Hall Open to Public. COVID-19 Precautions in Place.**

City continues to work to protect staff and visitors alike; encourages e-business.

Watervliet, MI – Due to the state of emergency declared by Governor Whitmer in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Watervliet continues to take measures to help ensure public/employee safety. Effective Monday, June 29 city hall will be open to the public, with COVID-19 preventative measures in place. No more than one person will be allowed in the lobby at a time (unless the individuals all reside within the same household) and all visitors are asked to wear a protective face covering. While in person business is now possible, the city strongly encourages the use of online and telephone correspondence/business until further notice.

Additionally, all city parks continue to be open to the public, however, social distancing should be observed regardless of the park or equipment used. Equipment and facilities will be cleaned; however, personal preventative measures should continue to be taken at all times.

The City advises all residents to follow preventative guidelines as set forth by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Berrien County Health Department during this time. This includes but is not limited to; maintaining good hygiene, frequent hand washing, and avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and the use of protective face covering.

As always, city staff will continue to be available during this time as our commitment to city residents will remain a top priority.