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Utility Disconnections Suspended, City Taking COVID-19 Precautions

The City will suspended water and sewer disconnections on past due accounts in the midst of a coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that may compromise local families' means to meet financial obligations.

“Springfield is a resilient community that knows how to come together in a time of crisis,” said City Manager Bryan Heck. “Although there are no confirmed cases of the virus in our area, we are taking precautionary measures now so we can be better prepared when illnesses occur.”

City leaders and staff met on Friday to discuss actions to take and also spoke with Clark County Combined Health District Commissioner Charles Patterson about the progression of the virus.

In an effort to encourage social distancing, the City is asking residents to submit their utility payments at drop-off locations on Fountain Avenue by City Hall and in front of the Service Center at 2100 Lagonda Ave.

At places where City employees interact with the public, the City will equip workers with sanitizing materials to keep those areas clean. The City is also looking at ways to limit unnecessary in-person staff meetings and preparing emergency operations plans, both as precautions.

For more information on utility billing, go to springfieldohio.gov/utility.