City of Atascadero Declares State of Emergency

At a Special Meeting held by the Atascadero City Council today, March 17, 2020 and in response to the status of the COVID-19/novel coronavirus outbreak, the City of Atascadero has declared a State of Emergency. This is not cause for concern or panic; what this very simply means is that the City will be now able to access state and federal funding related to the pandemic, should they be made available; and can activate emergency plans in order to be prepared for any future developments.

The City of Atascadero continues to provide essential services to the residents of our community. As always, the health and welfare of the members of our community as well as our staff is our highest priority. City Hall is open for business with newly implemented limited public contact procedures. Our Police and Fire stations are available by telephone. Colony Park Community Center and A-Town Park have been closed, and larger events and gatherings that had been scheduled for the upcoming weeks are being postponed or cancelled. City Council meetings will be held as currently scheduled until further notice, and the meetings will be conducted following social distancing guidelines. City Council meetings are also live-streamed and are available on the city’s website.

The City of Atascadero is staying in close contact with State, County, and City Public Health officials for the most recent information and updates. Every community member should remain calm, act responsibly, be accurately informed and get their information from credible sources by visiting www.ReadySLO.org for the latest news, coronavirus FAQs, and up-to-date information from the CDC.

Best practice recommendations for everyone to continue to follow are:

- Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If you are feeling ill, call your healthcare provider. Be sure to call before going in.
- Remain calm; be sensible; be practical; do not hoard, there is no reason for hoarding water, toilet paper, or any other supplies. Have enough supplies on hand for up to 14 days.
- Check in on your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and homebound. Help where you can.
- See this link for the California Department of Public Health Self Isolation Guidelines