

SPECIAL EDITION - IMPORTANT CITY COVID-19 INFORMATION



City launches CARE to help residents, businesses

On March 24, City Commissioners approved a multi-pronged incentive package aimed to provide immediate financial relief to Daytona Beach residents and business owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The projected value of the program, which offers three different incentives, is about \$5.65 million.

The first method of financial assistance will be to fund a significant portion of **utility bills** using \$4 million of General Fund reserves. Utility bills in April will be automatically adjusted or credited for the 22,858 billing accounts within the city of Daytona Beach. Specifically, a credit will be shown for the amount of water, sewer, recycling and public service tax. Not included in the credit will be fees associated with stormwater, solid waste and the landfill.

The next incentive will be to suspend fees for **building permits** for the next 90 days, beginning on March 25. (This does not include impact fee payments and doesn't waive the need to apply for a permit.) All residential and commercial permits for projects will be included for anything from fences, roofs and swimming pools to construction of new homes and commercial buildings.

Waiving commercial tenants' rent at city-owned facilities such as Joe's Crab Shack at the Daytona Beach Pier, Jackie Robinson Ballpark, the Golf Club's restaurant, tenants at the Marina Plaza, etc. for up to 90 days is the final incentive. City Manager Jim Chisholm will review options with each lessee.

Update on City Services

Access City Services Online

City Hall and city parks, community centers, recreational areas and facilities closed to the public in March to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, all Leisure Services programs, public advisory boards and regularly scheduled City Commission meetings have been suspended until further notice.

All city departments are continuing to provide essential city services including public safety, public works and water utilities. Customers are asked to conduct business remotely via phone and online. A list of services and contacts is available at www.codb.us/coronavirus, click on "City Online Services."

Utility Customers

City utility services will not be discontinued or disconnected due to non-payment of fees while the city's emergency declaration for COVID-19 is in effect. For utility billing, call (386) 671-8100. For outages/services issues, please call (386) 671-8815.

Check the Latest News on City Services

We encourage residents to visit the city's website at www.codb.us for the latest news on city services.



Resources for Businesses

Businesses impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to visit the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce's website - www.DaytonaChamber.com - which has a COVID-19/Coronavirus Information page with resources to help the business community.

Emergency Bridge Loan

The governor has activated the Emergency Bridge Loan program for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The bridge loan program, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, will provide short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced economic injury from COVID-19. **The application period is through Friday, May 8.** For information, visit www.floridadisasterloan.org. For questions regarding the Emergency Bridge Loan Program, contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 866-737-7232 or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan

Florida has been approved for the U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. For more information, visit www.SBA.gov/disaster.

Stay Informed

With information rapidly changing regarding the spread of COVID-19, residents are asked to stay informed by using reliable sources including:

www.cdc.gov/COVID-19
www.FloridaHealth.gov
www.codb.us/coronavirus
www.facebook.com/DBCityNews
www.twitter.com/CityDaytona

Nextdoor.com – Sign up for city information distributed to neighborhoods

City Emergency Alerts – Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alert notifications from the city. Residents can sign up at www.codb.us and click on "Notify Me" on the homepage.

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Community Resources

United Way

The local United Way is working to ensure resources are available for those impacted by COVID-19 and need assistance. Visit their website at www.unitedwayvfc.org.

CareerSource Flagler Volusia

CareerSource Flagler Volusia has many resources available for people who are looking for employment including information on local companies that are hiring. Visit their website at www.careersourcefv.com.

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