

Message from Mayor Stan Hacker:

Governor Kelly has issued “Stay At Home” orders effective Monday, March 30 at 12:01 AM (link: <https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EO20-16.pdf>.)

What does this mean for Kingman? It means unless you have “essential business” to conduct such as: buying food, medicine, or essential household supplies; seeking medical treatment; or using banking, legal, or accounting services you are being asked to stay at home. This does not mean you cannot go outdoors and exercise or just get fresh air—yes you can. Law enforcement is also not going to be stopping anyone to see why they are not at home. We do just need to maintain our physical distancing and not assemble in groups of 10 or more.

There are business deemed “non-essential” that will have to close during this time. HOWEVER; grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants (that offer take-out, curbside, drive through or delivery services), banks, law offices, accounting offices, insurance offices, car dealerships and repair facilities, and communications related businesses will ALL be allowed to be open, but will be subject to physical distancing requirements and proper cleaning procedures being followed. The Governor's order lists all of the exempt business classes. There are some businesses that have closed their doors to the public, but are offering phone or appointment consultations.

The City of Kingman has instituted new work procedures for our personnel that will promote their health and safety, but will continue to allow them to provide the essential services that you need. The City’s staff takes great pride in serving Kingman and they are working very hard to stay safe and healthy so they can perform essential functions for the community. You will see our staff out working, but the crews will be smaller and work spread out during this time unless it is unavoidable in the circumstances. If you have any issues, someone will be physically at City Hall manning the phones from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. After hours or emergency contact procedures will not change.

If you consider the Governor’s order there are not that many things that will be changing because many of you are already following your own “stay-at-home” rules. We just ask everyone in Kingman to stay calm and thoughtfully go about your lives as we continue to work through this situation. We will keep you updated as the situation develops.

Continue your prayers for our city and your fellow citizens. Be kind, be courteous, and stay healthy! KINGMAN STRONG!

Stan Hacker