March 21, 2020

Dear Business Managers/ Owners:

During the COVID-19, everyone is operating under a temporary new normal. The Village Hall remains closed; however, staff continues to work from home and our public safety operating as normal to meet your needs. As most of you are aware, Governor JB Pritzker issued an Executive Order for the state of IL, which requires all individuals living in the state to stay home or their place of residence in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a local municipality, we function under the same guidelines of the State and County; therefore, Matteson businesses must adhere to these guidelines.

The Governor’s Executive Order goes into effect at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2020, through the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, which currently extends through Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. It is understandable that individuals need essential activities to function; therefore, individuals may only leave their residence to perform essential activities. Under the order “essential activities” are for health and safety; necessary supplies and services; outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, or running; certain types of work; and to take care of others.

The order provides that all non-essential business and operations must cease.

“Essential Businesses and Operations” that may continue operations include: stores that sell groceries; food production and agriculture; organizations that provide charitable and social services; media; gas stations along with auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities and businesses needed for transportation; banks and related financial institutions; hardware and supply stores; critical trades who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences Essential Activities and Essential Businesses; mail, post, shipping, logistics and delivery services; educational institutions (for the purposes of facilitating distance learning); laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry services; restaurants for off-premises consumption; supplies to work from home; supplies for essential businesses and operations; transportation; home-based care and services; residential facilities and shelters; professional services; day care centers for employees exempted by this order; manufacturing, distribution and supply chain for critical products and industries; businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences; critical labor union functions; hotels and motels; and, funeral services.

Essential businesses and operations are mandated to take proactive
measures in maintaining social distancing. These measures may include, where possible: designating six-foot distance; providing hand sanitizer and sanitizing products; separating operating hours for vulnerable populations; and, providing online and remote access for employees.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We must work together to get this virus under control for the safety and future of us all. Should you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call our Deputy Director of Economic Development, LaVern Murphy at 708-417-7560. Also, refer to our website for information on emergency relief for businesses and all village updates related to COVID-19.

Best regards,

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