

City of Alpena

News Release of March 13, 2020



Message from City Manager

The City of Alpena continues to respond to the worldwide Coronavirus-19 pandemic with a number of precautions recommended by federal and state officials to help prevent the spread of the virus, along with additional measures to safeguard our employees and protect our citizens.

We respectfully ask that any payments normally paid in person at City Hall such as taxes, parking tickets, or other items be mailed to 208 North First Avenue, Alpena MI 49707, or placed in the drop box located in the parking lot behind City Hall. To resolve issues or questions without coming into the office, please call 989-354-1720 or email annas@alpena.mi.us.

The water and sewer utility will only be performing emergency service calls to homes and businesses within our service area. To protect both our workers and property owners, only calls related to sewer backups, or water supply issues will warrant an in-home response from SUEZ employees, a utility contractor. The utility office will be open for services via the drive-up window only or payments may be placed in the drop box located in the parking lot behind City Hall, online, or may be mailed to their office at 210 Harbor Drive, Alpena, MI 49707.

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The City Building department will be suspending residential rental inspections immediately. We expect this to last at least four weeks. Property owners will be notified by telephone of cancellations which have started March 13, 2020. Health and safety issues involving residential rental properties may still be phoned in and will be addressed. Building, zoning, home occupation, and sign permits will continue to be issued as will any inspections that are needed. We do ask that whenever possible, forms are downloaded from the city website at www.alpena.mi.us, completed and mailed with payment to City Hall. For any questions pertaining to this information contact Don Gilmet at 989-354-1761 or via email at donaldg@alpena.mi.us. The City of Alpena is taking necessary precautions to minimize the impact of the Coronavirus-19 pandemic on our community. We ask citizens to join us in taking the right steps to prevent or mitigate the risk in your homes and businesses. The people most at risk are our elderly, very young and those already battling other illnesses. Please stay informed by checking **official** sources like the Centers for Disease Control and Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation