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CITY OF ROCKPORT TO RE-OPEN SERVICE CENTER;

LAUREL STREET OFFICE TO REMAIN CLOSED

ROCKPORT, TX – The City of Rockport will open the Rockport Service Center to the public on Monday, March 15. In doing so, visitors must follow safety protocols which include properly wearing face coverings, social distancing, and temperature checks.

The Rockport Service Center, which is located on the access road west of the Bypass between Market and Pearl Street, houses the offices of the Mayor, City Manager, City Secretary, Finance, Building and Development, Community Planning, and Public Works. Although the lobby will be open, it is still recommended that individuals still make an appointment beforehand to ensure that the necessary parties will be available.

Utility Customer Service, Municipal Court, Parks and Leisure Services, and the IT Department are all housed at 402 E. Laurel, whose lobby will remain closed. “All of these departments were either housed in City Hall or other buildings that were destroyed by Hurricane Harvey,” noted City Manager Kevin Carruth. “As much as we would like to make it accessible to the public, we’re unable to do that at this time because of the inability to implement proper social distancing protocols that are now in place.

“While it hasn’t been ideal, the departments located at Laurel Street have been able to carry on business and respond to requests through the use of telephones, email, Zoom meetings, and www.cityofrockport.com via the Internet,” he added.