



**Press Release**  
**North Little Rock, Arkansas- March 26, 2020**  
**For Immediate Release**

### **Mayor Smith's COVID-19 Statement**

North Little Rock,

First, I hope you are staying healthy. During the past week we have seen constant change in our fight against COVID-19, and the City Council and I would like to assist you in getting as much information as possible. I wanted to update you and give you a sense of what the City is doing.

- Currently we are gathering information on how best we can use City resources to help our citizens and small businesses get through this unprecedented event.
- We have limited public access to our City facilities and offices for the time being and will continue to reevaluate those closures. At the same time, we are working on alternative methods to allow City business to go on.
- The City remains in a strong financial position and could function at full capacity for approximately 6 months despite reduced revenues. For now, we will continue with capital projects to help ensure that money continues to flow through our economy.
- We are working with the State, County, North Little Rock Schools, and the federal government to provide the best possible testing, care and support we can.
- The City is working on a recovery plan as well so that we are ready to hit the ground running when this is over.
- We will continue to work with local businesses, business alliances, economic development corporations, small business development corporations, and several other state and federal business groups to provide the information and help our local business owners will need to survive this storm.
- The City of North Little Rock has not implemented a curfew at this time. We are following the lead of the Governor and monitoring the situation very closely. We appreciate all of our citizens for continuing the practice of social distancing and for being responsible during this COVID-19 crisis.
- We have added a link to our City's website that has all the most up to date information we have access to: [http://nlr.ar.gov/news/covid-19\\_updates](http://nlr.ar.gov/news/covid-19_updates)
- Pay attention to the Arkansas Department of Health website for the most up to date information <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus>
- If you go to the grocery store please think of your friends and neighbors before you buy all of the essential goods. Get what you need and leave some for the next person.
- Above all wash your hands, avoid groups of 10 or more, stay home if you don't feel well, cough into your elbow, and pay attention to your mental health.

Our Country, State, and City has seen some major challenges over the last year and the future carries a lot of uncertainty right now, but I have seen firsthand the strength and resiliency of our community and know we will come out of this as well.

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Mayor Smith

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