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PRESS RELEASE

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Emergency Order A-7 of the Extension of the Civil Emergency Proclamation of the City of Lawton is expected to be signed by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem tomorrow, 5/15/20, and will take effect immediately.

The order is crafted in accordance with recommendations from the state level, as outlined in the [OURS Plan](#). Should there be a conflict between State and local provisions, however, the safer/more restrictive shall apply.

The following is anticipated to take effect 5/15/20. If any additional guidelines not linked are required, they will be available to the public upon finalization of the new emergency order.

- Reopening of City playgrounds.
- Reopening of the Lawton Public Library, Lawton Municipal Court and Lawton Public Works Offices. Visitors must adhere to given direction upon entering facilities, which may include occupancy limits; visitors are encouraged to wear masks or facial coverings.
- Allowance of nurseries within Places of Worship to operate, in accordance with [CDC Guidelines](#).
- Bars may reopen; pool tables may be used with City-issued guidance/requirements.
- Residency restrictions for fishing, hunting, camping at City lakes will be lifted.
- Weddings and funerals may resume adhering to proper social distancing and given guidelines of appropriate venues, such as [entertainment venues](#). (At this time, entertainment venues should still submit a plan for approval to the City Manager's Office.)

- Garage sale permits will be issued but permit holders must adhere to City-issued guidance/requirements.
- Organized sporting events/practices may resume – to include tumbling, cheer, gymnastics, soccer, swimming – but no more than 50 individuals may gather for such events, in accordance with State guidelines. *The majority of City of Lawton-owned sporting areas and venues will remain closed until June.*

Basketball courts and water facilities will remain closed for the time being. Permits for events at City parks and reservations for City rentals are expected to resume June 1; City of Lawton recreational centers are slated to reopen on a limited basis June 1.

Additional information on these matters will be relayed to the community in the near future.

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