

A Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

The Federal, State and County officials have declared State of Emergencies. The City of Linwood, because of this declaration, is also in a State of Emergency.

We at the local level continue to work on ways to keep our residents as well as our employees safe. In keeping with recommendations of other government agencies we discourage gatherings of over 50 people. The City is working on video meeting capabilities and will provide those details at a future date.

City Hall will remain open and continue to provide services to our residents. We continue to have the building cleaned and disinfected and have made steps to limit face to face interactions with our staff.

If you need a Dog/Cat License, Parking Permit, Birth/Marriage/Death Certificate, Bingo/Raffle License, Mercantile License, or anything else from the City Clerk's Office please call (609) 927-4108 before you come to City Hall so they can prepare everything beforehand to limit the time needed in the building. The Parking Permit price increase scheduled for April 1st will be extended until May 31st.

The Tax office will remain open for collection of Tax and Sewer payments. The deadline for 2nd Quarter Taxes is May 1st with a ten day grace period so please try and wait to come in person until closer to that date or we encourage you to pay by mail or online. The Tax sale scheduled for April 16th is canceled. The Senior Tax Freeze books are not due until November 2nd 2020, so please do not feel rushed to get it done now. If you would like to get it done now please call the Tax Collector's Office 609 927-4109 and they will help you.

The Construction & Zoning Office will also remain open for Building Permits etc. and in person transactions will be conducted at the Clerk's Office. Please call (609) 926-7992 before coming in person to City Hall so they can prepare ahead of time to limit your time needed in the building.

Please consult the City's website www.linwoodcity.org for additional online services and information.

Our top priority is protecting the health and safety of Linwood residents. City Officials, Police, and Fire Departments as well as our schools are actively coordinating with State and County officials. We will continue to share information as it becomes available. Please note the non-emergency Police number 609-927-5252 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

The following websites also provide information and updates on COVID 19 epidemic:

The **State of New Jersey Department of Health** provides a 24-Hour Public Hotline to address questions about the COVID-19. Call 1-800-222-1222. They also provide additional information, including frequently asked questions at: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): For more information about COVID-19, its symptoms, how it spreads and other frequently asked questions, visit the CDC website, here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For information about handwashing, see the [CDC's Handwashing](#) website.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Matik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Darren Matik, Mayor
City of Linwood