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**City Hall Administrative Offices Partially Re-Open Monday, May 11**

**To Support Modified Restrictions in Alameda County's Latest Shelter-in-Place Order**

In an effort to maintain progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safe re-opening of our local economy, a new [Alameda County's latest Shelter-in-Place Order](#) went into effect Monday, May 4 and extends to May 31. The updated order relaxes some of the restrictions, which are identified in a [summary](#) of the order provided by Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD). ACPHD urges everyone to continue to stay and work at home as much as possible; and, wear a face covering when visiting essential businesses and healthcare sites.

Starting Monday, May 11, City Administrative Offices will partially reopen in order to process building permits, development applications, permit payments, and business licenses since the County's new revised order now allows for construction projects to resume in the area. These limited services will be provided by appointment Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

All customers will be required to wear a face covering and will have to follow safety protocols conveyed on public signage and monitored by customer service representatives in the lobby.

In alignment with the County's Public Health Emergency Order, City staff will be making every attempt to limit exposure to the public by first utilizing online payment systems, or engaging with customers by phone, email or mail. Appointments are required for any in-person visits.

A summary of services available through this partial re-opening and contact information for Planning, Building, and Finance staff can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/466/City-Closures-and-Impacted-Services>.

**City Updates Regarding Recreation Programs and Sports Fields Forthcoming**

The City's Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with City Officials are assessing local information and data and weighing various factors regarding other provisions noted in the updated order, such as the provision that allows outdoor recreation programs to resume and the reopening of sports fields. The City will provide a public update soon regarding provisions.

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