



## OFFICES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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**Mark A. Cayer, Mayor**  
**Edward A. Barrett, City Administrator**

March 18, 2020

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### CITY OF LEWISTON PROCLAIMS A PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

On March 17, 2020, Mayor Mark Cayer and City Administrator Ed Barrett jointly issued a Proclamation declaring a pandemic emergency in the City of Lewiston. This action was taken under the authority of the Charter of the City, 37-B M.R.S.A. §§ 703 and 783, and section 30-29 of the Code of Ordinances. This state of emergency shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor and City Administrator.

In accordance with this declaration, the City Administrator, in consultation with the Mayor when possible, can exercise the full powers outlined in Section 30-30 of the City Code to include, but not be limited to:

- Closing City buildings and facilities during all or part of the emergency;
- Adjusting City Personnel Policies, including working hours and leave and sick leave benefits, in consultation with the respective bargaining units when possible;
- Waiving the City's purchasing policies, including the dollar value of purchases requiring a formal bid, when necessary to rapidly acquire necessary goods or services needed to respond to the emergency;
- Requesting aid or assistance from the state, any political subdivision of the state, or the federal government; and
- Taking such other steps deemed essential to protect the public health and welfare.

Deputy City Manager Denis D'Auteuil is hereby designated the City's Emergency Manager and shall act as incident commander for this emergency.

For further information, contact Mayor Mark Cayer or City Administrator Ed Barrett.

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