

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



### **City of Belleville Closes Offices to Public, Services Available by Appointment Only**

**Belleville, Ill. – November 13, 2020** – The City of Belleville, in accordance with the recommendation of the Illinois Department of Public Health will close its buildings to the public, effective, Mon. Nov. 16, 2020.

“City leaders have decided it is in the best interest of the public and our city employees to follow these mitigation strategies,” said Mayor Mark Eckert. “We want everyone to remain safe and use good judgement when managing our daily lives in this current environment. Please wash your hands, wear a mask, keep your distance, and only leave home for essential business.”

All essential services will continue, including housing inspections, and each department will remain operational with staff. Appointments will be accepted for essential business. The public should contact City Hall at 618-233-6810 to discuss what service they need and how it is being conducted. All employees will report to work as usual unless otherwise notified.

To pay sewer bills, residents may drop checks or money orders at the sewer payment drop boxes located in the 2nd block of South 1st Street along the County Parking Garage, and at the north entrance of City Hall 101 S. Illinois St., Belleville. You can also call 877-885-7968 to pay over the phone or visit [www.paymentservicenetwork.com](http://www.paymentservicenetwork.com) to pay online.

The City of Belleville encourages all residents and visitors to the city to exercise extreme caution with COVID-19 recommendations to keep yourself, family, and fellow residents healthy.

Visit [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net) for more information.

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*The City of Belleville, Illinois, incorporated in 1814, is the St. Clair County seat and the largest city in southern Illinois. With a current population of 44,478 (2010), Belleville is home to the longest contiguous main street in the United States, excellent education and healthcare organizations, and thriving businesses and neighborhoods, including three Local Historic Districts and one National Historic District. Mayor Mark Eckert runs the municipal government along with elected officials including City Clerk Jennifer Gain Meyer, Treasurer Dean Hardt, and 16 aldermen representing eight city wards. The vision for the City of Belleville is one where all sectors of the community work together to help the city grow and prosper and to become a model for other communities to follow.*