



CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE
KENTUCKY

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City Offices Reopen to the Public Thanks to Steady Decline in COVID Cases

Hopkinsville, KY (February 26, 2021) – Beginning Monday, March 1, 2021, all City of Hopkinsville offices will reopen to the general public thanks to successful efforts to curb the spread of coronavirus. In addition to receiving assistance by telephone, online, and by email, residents may also seek in-person services from the CAO, City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Mayor's Offices as well as from Public Works Department during business hours outlined below.

Business Hours/Locations

Public Works Administration	7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.	705 North Main Street
City Hall Administration	8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.	715 South Virginia Street

While essential emergency services of the Hopkinsville Fire Department, Christian County Ambulance Service, Hopkinsville Police Department, ECC/911-Dispatch, and the Tax Office drive-thru window remained virtually unaffected during the pandemic, administrative offices including those at Public Works and City Hall have limited in-person access since November 23, 2020.

Due to continued public health concerns, all individuals entering any city building must continue to take precautionary measures including wearing masks and completing temperature checks immediately upon entrance. Disposable masks will be available at the front desk for those who do not have them.

Should anyone entering the building have a temperature above 100.4 degrees, staff will request the individual's name, address, and phone number to provide to the Health Department in keeping with coronavirus tracing protocols. The individual must then leave the building immediately and should report to the nearest COVID-19 test facility, a physician, or the Health Department to be tested as soon as possible.

Public Meetings

City Council, Committee of the Whole, and other public agencies will resume in-person meetings under the following guidelines.

- COVID-19 restrictions currently limit meeting size to 50 people or less for City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. 20 chairs will be available for public meeting participants, staff, and the media with remaining chairs available for guests. All chairs not separated by partition will be located 6 feet apart.
- Masks and temperature checks will be required for all participants, guests, media, and staff attending public meetings.

- Overflow areas will be set up in conference rooms where a broadcast of the meetings will be televised if seating becomes unavailable due to capacity issues. Employees attending meetings, but not scheduled to speak or needed for Council member questions, should sit in the overflow areas.
- If more guests are in attendance than available seating and they wish to speak during public comments at City Council meetings, speakers will line up outside the Council Chamber using six-foot social distancing protocols until their turn to speak.

For those who wish to continue virtual access, please be reminded that all City TV programming, including City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, will continue to be streamed live for free online at hoptown.org/tv. Both Live Streaming and Video on Demand may be accessed from computers, laptops, or mobile devices (e.g., iPad, smart phone, or tablet). Viewers may also watch City TV via Facebook Live @CityofHopkinsville or by tuning in to Spectrum Channel 376.

For additional information or inquiries about the city's response to COVID-19, please call Healthy-at-Work Coordinator Kenneth Grabara at (270) 890-0264 or Hoptown Hotline at (270) 887-4000. You may also visit hoptown.org or @CityofHopkinsville on Facebook or Twitter. COVID-specific information is available at hoptown.org/covid.

Municipal Center Agencies

The Hopkinsville Human Rights Commission and Community and Development Services are both housed inside the downtown Municipal Center. Details about their services beginning March 1 are below.

Hopkinsville Human Rights Commission (HRC) will continue teleworking with flex in-person office hours. Individuals with questions about filing an employment, housing, or public accommodation complaint or checking the status of an existing complaint may call HRC at (270) 887-4010, email hrc@hopkinsvilleky.us, or visit hoptown.org/hrc. Appointments will be available for in-person meetings. Please call or email HRC to schedule an appointment. All scheduled visitors will be required to follow established protocols when entering the building. For the safety of our staff and the community, walk-in service is not available at this time.

Community and Development Services (CDS)

CDS offices, located at 710 South Main Street, will be open to the public during normal business hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Members of the public with CDS-related questions or business may also call (270) 887-4285 or visit comdev-services.com for more information.

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