



March 20, 2020

## City of Somerton Announces Service Modifications

Out of an abundance of caution, and in an effort to protect the health and safety of our employees, residents and visitors, Mayor Jerry Anaya has ordered public access be closed to Somerton City Hall and facilities under the control of the Parks and Recreation Department starting Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5:00pm. The Somerton Police Department and Somerton Cocopah Fire Department will remain open with limited public access. The Somerton Municipal Court will defer to the Presiding Superior Court Judge for Yuma County and the Arizona Supreme Court to set their own public access guidelines.

Despite the closures, city staff will be available to handle residents' needs by phone or email. To facilitate the public's needs while observing the restrictions and guidelines that have been put in place, the following accommodations have been made:

### Utility payments

Utility payments can be made a number of ways:

- Call 1-833-237-8923 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to pay by phone
- Pay online [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) or download the Xpress Bill Pay app on your smart phone
- Call 928-722-7400 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm to pay by phone
- Use the drop box located in front of City Hall at 143 N State Ave

To establish service, terminate or change your account:

- Access the City of Somerton website [somertonaz.gov](http://somertonaz.gov)
- Go to Departments, select Finance, click on Utility Services.
- Here you will find the New Service/ Service Transfer Form and Service Cancellation Form with submission instructions.

### Community Development and Animal Control

To facilitate ongoing residential and commercial development, meetings between developers and city staff will be accommodated by appointment only.

Please call 928-722-7399 email [mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov](mailto:mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov) to schedule an appointment.

Any request for information from Community Development and Animal Control can be done via telephone to 928-722-7399 or via email to [mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov](mailto:mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov). This includes:

- Inspection requests
- Dog license and dogs' release from the shelter requests
- Payments for department services can be done via telephone by calling 928-722-7399 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm, or by using the drop box located in front of City Hall at 143 N State Ave.

Application submittals to the Community Development Department can be made electronically, by submitting the application package, including all back up documentation (plans, etc.) via email to [mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov](mailto:mariaybarra@somertonaz.gov). Hard copy delivery of application packages and pick up of



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documents (permits, licenses, etc.) may be made during city hall hours, but must be coordinated with staff. Please call 928-722-7399 to coordinate this process.

## Parks & Recreation

- Parks & Recreation buildings and facilities including the Somerton Community Center and Somerton Senior Center are closed to the public.
- All city public restrooms will be closed.
- For questions, please call 928-722-7400.

## City Events

All City Events have been canceled or postponed. Please follow the City of Somerton Facebook page at [facebook.com/cityofsomerton](https://facebook.com/cityofsomerton) for updates on city events.

## City Council Meetings

City Council meetings can be viewed live on the City of Somerton [YouTube page](#).

## City Clerk

All persons wishing to become a candidate for City Council can download all candidate packets from the city website at [somertonaz.gov](http://somertonaz.gov) on the City Clerk page.

All candidate filings can be accomplished by mail before the deadline or by utilizing the drop-box in front of City Hall. Please follow these instructions for filing by mail or using the drop-box.

## Contacting City Hall

The City Hall main phone number is 928-722-7400. Phone numbers and email addresses for city staff can be found on the [Contact Us](#) page of the city website at [somertonaz.gov](http://somertonaz.gov).

Please look for updates on the city website at [somertonaz.gov](http://somertonaz.gov) as well as city social media pages for updates.

## Mayor Jerry Anaya made the following statement:

The city will continue to provide essential services to our residents, visitors and businesses while we take actions to ensure the continued health and safety of our community. We are closely monitoring the situation and are dedicated to taking proactive measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19 in Somerton.

We appreciate what our local businesses are doing to accommodate our residents—particularly those most at risk—during this time. I have seen time and again residents of our city taking initiative to reach out to help one another, whether it's checking on an elderly neighbor, helping with an errand or some other expression of goodwill.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we work through this situation.