Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Governor Pritzker extended the Stay at Home Order for the State of Illinois until May 31, 2020. The modifications to the current order were also announced, including the list below. Please refer to the press release (link) from the Governor’s Office regarding the modifications to the executive order.

Effective May 1, 2020:

- **OUTDOOR RECREATION:** State parks will begin a phased re-opening under guidance from the Department of Natural Resources. Fishing and boating in groups of no more than two people will be permitted. A list of parks that will be open on May 1 and additional guidelines can be found on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website. Golf will be permitted under strict safety guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and when ensuring that social distancing is followed.

- **NEW ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES:** Greenhouses, garden centers and nurseries may re-open as essential businesses. These stores must follow social distancing requirements and must require that employees and customers wear a face covering. Animal grooming services may also re-open.

- **NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL:** Retail stores not designated as non-essential businesses and operations may re-open to fulfill telephone and online orders through pick-up outside the store and delivery.

- **FACE COVERINGS:** Beginning on May 1, individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or a mask when in a public place where they can’t maintain a six-foot social distance. Face-coverings will be required in public indoor spaces, such as stores. This new requirement applies to all individuals over the age of two who are able to medically tolerate a face-covering or a mask.

- **ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND MANUFACTURING:** Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face-coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain six-feet of social distancing, as well as follow new requirements that maximize social distancing and prioritize the well-being of employees and customers. This will include occupancy limits for essential businesses and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only essential lines for manufacturers.
Spring City Wide Garbage Pickup Cancelled
Due to COVID-19 and the Governor’s extension of the Stay at Home Order, Waste Management will reschedule the City Wide Pickup. We anticipate having a Fall City Wide Garbage pickup. More details will be shared in the months ahead.

Water Bill Payments
The City of Wilmington is temporarily suspending service disconnections for nonpayment and waiving late fees until May 31, 2020. Due to the City Hall closure, water bill payments may be conducted online at www.wilmington-il.com, mailed USPS or placed in the secure drop box located on the southside of the City Hall building. The City encourages customers who are having trouble paying their bills to contact Customer Service at (815) 476-2175 ext 223 to discuss payment options. The City also offers Auto Pay Direct Debit services. To get started, simply visit the City’s website at https://wilmington.merchanttransact.com/ to register your account. Information regarding your water account can be obtained by calling (815) 476-2175 ext 223 or email utilitybilling@wilmington-il.com.

City Council Meetings
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07 signed by Governor Pritzker and guidance provided by legal counsel, the City of Wilmington is conducting all meetings via Zoom. Public may access these meetings as follows:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9828302841?pwd=oepcc2d4bejiq3r2exlmdwtwnkwvwdz09
Meeting ID: 982 830 2841
Password: 086905
One tap mobile
+13126266799,,9828302841# US(Chicago)
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US(Chicago)

We are happy to accommodate written public comments. Any written comments must be received via email by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. will be put into the record and considered before committee action. Comments can be submitted by email to jziller@wilmington-il.com.

Support Local Businesses
We, along with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, encourage you to continue to support local businesses by utilizing curb-side pick-up, delivery or drive-thru where available. For up to date information, please visit https://www.wilmingtonilchamber.org/.

Stay safe! Be well.
Roy Strong, Mayor