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Citizens of Montevallo,

Thank you for your compliance with state and local orders regarding COVID-19 protocols. This has been a very challenging time in our history, to say the least. We have had two city employees and at least four community members who have tested positive for the virus. In spite of this, we have not had widespread transmission of the disease throughout Montevallo.

While it would be easy and very desirable to return to our traditional routines, medical professionals advise against that until we have a vaccination. Even so, there are many activities and areas of commerce that we now understand we can enjoy with proper precautions. Governor Ivey has issued a great deal of information about those precautions through the Alabama Department of Public Health. The Center for Disease Control is a key source for precautionary information and guidelines.

It is with those precautions in mind that the city is moving forward with the following adjustments to current policies and procedures.

- The citywide curfew will be lifted effective Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Montevallo Recycling Center will open with strict guidelines Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, including facemask requirements.
- Montevallo Golf Course will open with strict guidelines as soon as they are able to secure the proper health and safety equipment.
- City Tennis Courts are now open with strict recommendations to maintain proper distancing and hand washing.
- Many City Hall staff members will be returning to City Hall with daily temperature checks and masks required in common areas.
- City Hall will remain closed to the public with limited access. All payments will continue to be accepted by mail and on-line.
- Parnell Memorial Library will begin curbside service within the next few weeks after proper protocols are put into place.
- Park restrooms will open Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with twice daily cleanings and capacity restrictions.

I am very grateful that we are not experiencing the outbreaks that other communities have suffered. You, as a community, deserve the credit for that. If, due to viral spread or community non-compliance, we see a need to be more restrictive with our facilities or return to a curfew, we will reluctantly do so. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your mayor. I truly love this city.

Health and happiness to you all,

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor