

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Over the past several months the City of Taylor, like other cities in the United States, has been grappling with the intricacies of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank the residents of the City of Taylor who have taken precautions to keep themselves, their families, and the most vulnerable among us safe by using social distancing.

As we gradually start to open our economy back up, I also want to thank local organizations and individuals who stepped up to the plate to help those who have been struggling during this difficult time. From the local organizations and individuals who provided financial support for local businesses, City departments that offered services for residents, and our City Council, who passed temporary legislation to help businesses reopen safely, you all demonstrated that this truly is a group effort, and we appreciate you so much for what you have done.

I also want to remind you that as we consider reopening our economy, we are taking every precaution to ensure that the decisions we make are in the best interest of the Taylor community. We work closely with the health officials at Williamson County and Cities Health District, and we rely on their guidance and advice. That information is also available to the public our website, taylortx.gov, so that you can make informed decisions about your health and safety.

I am proud of the Taylor community and honored to be your City Manager. Enjoy your summer!

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager

CITY HELPS WITH ECONOMIC RECOVERY EFFORTS

The City of Taylor has offered numerous resources to assist with ongoing local economic recovery efforts as the community starts to reopen. These efforts include supporting the efforts of local groups who are helping local businesses financially, offering services for residents, and passing temporary legislation that will help businesses reopen safely.

- The City of Taylor contributed \$15,000 to the All In COVID-19 Taylor Small Business Support Fund, organized by the Taylor Chamber of Commerce and the Taylor Economic Development Corporation.

- The City has provided numerous resources for residents who are struggling financially, including special accommodations for paying utility bills and not disconnecting water service for nonpayment. The City also waived any late fees and worked with customers to catch up on utility bill delinquencies and made it easier for customers to pay their bills remotely.

- On May 20, Taylor City Council



voted to temporarily suspend portions of Ordinance No. 2018-09 to allow possession of an open container or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in the central business district of the City of Taylor.

- On May 28, City Council approved moving forward with streetscape and parking modifications to West Second Street between Main and Talbot streets. Adjustments include lane and parking changes to be completed by about mid-June, all of which will help restaurants and businesses in the downtown area to better accommodate social distancing requirements.

- On June 11, City Council approved an ordinance allowing businesses to apply for temporary licenses to operate “parklets” in the City rights-of-way where they can create an outdoor area for patrons and the general public.

CITY UPDATES WEBSITE, ADDS GIS STORY MAP

In an effort to provide concise and accurate information to residents, the City of Taylor recently undertook the process of updating the City of Taylor website. The website redesign launched on June 8.

The new design offers a more modern look and feel, it is easier to navigate, clean and easy to read, and incorporates the City’s branding.

It also features user-friendly elements such as a calendar, featured news and information and a

spotlight section to highlight different parts and departments at the City of Taylor.

The City also worked with the HDR Inc. to create a GIS story map. The interactive map provides a communication tool to showcase Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects and other projects around the City in an informative and intuitive application. Check out the newly redesigned website and the CIP story map at www.taylortx.gov.

CITY CONDUCTING FREE CHLORINE BURN

The City of Taylor public water system will temporarily convert the disinfectant use in the distribution system from chloramine to free chlorine. The conversion will begin on July 8 and continue through July 28. During this period, residents in Taylor may experience taste or odor changes associated with this type of temporary disinfectant conversion.

Public water systems are required to properly disinfect their water and maintain an adequate disinfectant residual in the distribution system. Chloramine, free chlorine combined with ammonia, is widely used as a disinfectant because it persists for long periods while also limiting the formation of disinfection by-product contaminants. Prolonged use of chloramine coupled with other factors

that can impact water quality, such as high temperatures or stagnation of water, may result in the growth and/or persistence of organic matter within the pipes of the distribution system, which may hinder the ability to maintain an adequate disinfectant residual. A temporary conversion to free chlorine, partnered with flushing activities, helps to rid distribution pipes of this organic matter, and improve the quality of your water overall. This is done in coordination with Brazos River Authority (BRA), Hutto and Thrall, to ensure the water is safe and compliant with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations.

For questions, please contact the City of Taylor Utilities Department at 512-352-3251.



FARMERS MARKET OPEN SATURDAYS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Taylor Farmers Market has continued to provide farm-fresh produce, meats and other goods from local farmers, ranchers and artisans.

The Market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Square Pavilion. For more information and updates, like and follow the Farmers Market on Main Facebook page.

If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Main Street Manager Jan Harris at jan.harris@taylortx.gov or by phone at 512-352-3463.

2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The 2019 Annual Water Quality Report is available to view at bit.ly/2019TaylorWater. The Report is a summary of the quality of water the City of Taylor provides to its customers.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
Friday, July 3
(Fourth of July observed)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

CITY OF TAYLOR

Online:
bit.ly/TaylorCovid

COVID-19 Información en Español de los CDC:
bit.ly/COVIDEspañol

On Facebook:
[@cityoftaylortexas](https://www.facebook.com/cityoftaylortexas)

On Twitter:
[@CityofTaylor](https://twitter.com/CityofTaylor)

On NextDoor:
 City of Taylor

WILLIAMSON COUNTY & CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (WCCHD)

Online:
www.wcchd.org

On Facebook:
[@WCCHD](https://www.facebook.com/WCCHD)

On Twitter:
[@WCCHD](https://twitter.com/WCCHD)

WCCHD COVID-19 Non Emergency Hotline:
 512-943-3600

COVID-19 INFECTION RISK GUIDELINES

