



For Immediate Release

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Tulsa County Limiting Access to Courthouse

Following guidance from the CDC and conversations with other County Elected Officials, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) today issued a resolution limiting access to the Tulsa County Courthouse to prevent community spread of the COVID-19 virus. This restriction is temporary and will go into effect at 8:00 am tomorrow, March 19, 2020, and expire at midnight on March 30, 2020, unless renewed for an additional period of time by the BOCC in an open meeting.

Visitors to the Tulsa County Courthouse will only be allowed to enter through one entrance on the north side of the building and through the basement of the parking garage, and only if they have a critical transaction requiring the assistance of a County Office or need to attend to a matter pending or bring an emergency matter before the Tulsa County District Court. Business hours will remain 8am – 5pm at this time.

No one shall be permitted to enter the Tulsa County Courthouse who:

- Has been diagnosed with, or has had direct contact within the past two weeks with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Has apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath
- Has been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider or health agency, or who resides with anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine
- Has travelled to one of the following countries within the past 30 days: China, Iran, Japan, and/or South Korea, or to any European countries

Given today's announcement, Tulsa County officials are urging the public to conduct its business over the phone, through email, or through postal mail. More information can be found below about the available options within each County Office.

"We are collectively a public body that was elected to serve the public," Board of County Commissioners Chairman Ron Peters said. "That said, we find it both reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our employees, constituents, and the public at large to temporarily reduce access to the Tulsa County Courthouse. We believe taking these steps and conforming to the guidance provided by the CDC will allow us to maintain critical services for the citizens of Tulsa County."

Tulsa County and its Elected Officials continue to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and any changes in CDC direction that could impact its operations.

County Assessor

The office encourages the appeal process, in accordance with allowances in state statute, to be done over the phone. If you already have a hearing date and want to have your informal hearing held telephonically, please contact Carrie Fisher at 918- 596-5110 or cfisher@tulsacounty.org as soon as possible to let her know that you want to have your hearing held by phone, and to confirm that we have the correct phone number to call on the day of your hearing. If you have any documents or affidavits that you would like to provide for the hearing, you are encouraged to mail them to our office at least five (5) days before the scheduled hearing to ensure adequate time for processing. The documents should state your name, address, property account number, and telephone number.

County Clerk

The area of the County Clerk's office that conduct business on behalf of the county (Payroll, Accounting, Financial Services and others) is located on the east side of the 1st floor of the County Administrative Building and is only

accessible to County Clerk's office employees. Additionally, the County Clerk has contacted its regular customers, such as title companies, and asked that they refrain from visiting the office unless necessary and conduct their business via phone, email, or postal mail as much as possible.

Court Clerk

Many Tulsa County court dockets have been deferred to a later date. In an effort to not overwhelm the phone traffic, the Court Clerk is asking its customers to first consult www.oscn.net and search the OSCN Dockets on the court records—cases can be searched by case number or by party name. The Court Clerk also asks that if possible, its customers use the E-payment system at www.oscn.net for payment of Court Fines.

County Treasurer

Property tax payments can be mailed and will be applied to the account effective on the postmarked date. The County Treasurer offers a lockbox on the southside of the administrative building (attached to the Courthouse) where payments can be placed. The County Treasurer requests that if the lockbox option is used to please use check, money order, or cashier's check.

The County Treasurer also offers the opportunity to pay property taxes with a credit card, debit card, or electronic check at www.treasurer.tulsacounty.org. Select Online Payments or call 1-888-379-1062. A convenience fee of 2.4% is imposed for credit and debit card payments. A convenience fee of \$1 is imposed for electronic check payments. These fees are in addition to the amount paid to the Treasurer. Neither the Tulsa County Treasurer nor Tulsa County receives any portion of the convenience fees. To pay current year AND all prior year taxes due, use the parcel number. To pay what is currently due for a tax year, use the tax roll item number. Both the parcel number and tax roll item number are displayed on the front of the statement. If you need a current balance, please call 918-596-5071.

District Attorney & District Courts

Critical services will continue, including Emergency Protective Orders, Bond Dockets for Release, and any other constitutionally required service(s) mandated by law. Earlier this week, the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Court of Appeals issued an Emergency Joint Order suspending many court dockets across the state for 30 days; all trials and pre-trial hearings not concerning detention or other emergency matters are being postponed. Read the release here for more information: <http://bit.ly/OKOrder>.

Contact Information

For additional questions, please use the contact information for each division or office listed below or visit www.tulsacounty.org for more information *before* visiting a facility in person.

- Board of County Commissioners, 918-596-5004
- Court Clerk, 918-596-5000, tulsa.courtclerk@oscn.net
- Court Services, 918-596-5795
- County Assessor, 918-596-5100, assessor@tulsacounty.org
- County Clerk, 918-596-5801
- County Treasurer, 918-596-5071
- District Attorney, 918-596-4805, districtattorney@tulsacounty.org
- District Court Administrator, 918-596-5400
- Inspections, 918-596-5293
- Parks, 918-596-5990
- Sheriff's Office, 918-596-5601, sheriff@tcsso.org
- Social Services, 918-596-5560g