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Mayor Bob Courtney Announces a Temporary Job Replacement Program and Other Economic Stimulus Actions Being Taken by the City of Madison

Madison, IN—Mayor Bob Courtney, announced this morning, actions the City of Madison is taking to help local businesses and community members who are facing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the support of City Council, Mayor Courtney is implementing a "Temporary Job Replacement Program" for the City of Madison residents who have been displaced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The city will be hiring up to 100 temporary employees at the rate of \$15 an hour for 30 hours a week for a two-month period. There will be a variety of jobs available within the city streets department, utility department, parks department, and city administration. The application, as well as requirements, are available on Madison-in.gov. An application can also be requested at the water department drive-through window. "Keeping people working during this period will be critical. We support the mayor's efforts and will do our part to help his administration implement this program," said Council President Katie Rampy.

To further assist individuals and families who may be struggling during this time, the city will be suspending all utility shut-offs, late fees, and reconnect fees for the next 60 days.

"It is my hope that our businesses will continue to thrive and prosper during this difficult time, which is why we are also taking steps to assist with economic development efforts in the community," said Mayor Courtney. Effective immediately, all city micro and revolving loan fund payments have been suspended for 90 days for businesses severely impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, the Historic District Board of Review applications will be streamlined, simplifying the process for individuals and businesses beginning projects in our historic district. Building permit and application fees have been suspended as well.

"We know that many families and businesses are worried about the impact this pandemic will have on their finances. This is why the City of Madison is taking action to help mitigate the economic impact in our community. We must support one another during this time. City Hall is still providing essential services to our residents, and the staff is available for any question or concerns," said Mayor Courtney.