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Friends and Neighbors,

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are well served by our deep sense of community fortitude, preparedness and strength. During these uncertain times, we can at least take comfort in knowing that we have a professional team at City Hall that will help guide us in making the necessary changes to preserve and protect our City and those we serve every day. While I have had the privilege of leading Town and Country as your Mayor for over 15 years, there is no body of experience or training that would have prepared us for today's new world. Nonetheless, please know that we are doing everything possible to advance our best interests every day.

As always, the health and safety of our residents is our top priority, and I want to assure you that your City officials are staying diligently on top of the constantly evolving information being released by St. Louis County, including the County Executive and the Health Department. Specifically, we have taken steps to ensure that all City departments remain fully operational, including all Police, Fire and EMS Services who are always available 24/7. While our buildings are closed to walk-in traffic, our dedicated Staff is still available during normal business hours. We urge the public to conduct as much business as possible over the phone or by email, but rest assured we are still here for you. The Board of Aldermen and our Boards and Commissions will continue to conduct all essential business by way of virtual meetings. Be sure to check the homepage of our website for simple instructions on how to tune in live, view meeting information, and submit comments prior to meetings.

A few other COVID-19 related updates:

- Municipal Election

The April 7th general elections have been rescheduled to June 2, 2020. In Town and Country, all four candidates were running unopposed. During a special meeting on April 24, 2020, I recommended and the Board confirmed my appointment of Barbara Ann Hughes to fill the Ward 1 vacancy and Jeff Wittmaier to fill the Ward 3 vacancy, following Alderman Reuter's resignation. They were both seated and participated in their first Board meeting via Zoom on Monday April 27th and began their service to our community per the normal schedule, even during a difficult time. I would like to welcome both of them and appreciate their willingness to serve our fine City. I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the elected officials, both current and past, for their commitment to setting this community apart in so many ways by their thoughtful decisions over the years, namely our financial position, exemplary staff, and even trails that are serving us particularly well right now.

- Parks

We previously made the difficult decision to close City Park parking lots, except Town Square, on the heels of the County closing Queeny and all other County parks and trails. Now that the County has lifted that restriction effective April, 28th, the greenspace portions of our parks are open, however, in the

interest of public health and under the direction of St. Louis County, playgrounds and park restrooms remain closed and will reopen as soon as safely possible.

- Finance

Despite a diversified revenue base, the stay at home order will have a significant negative impact on City revenues, which rely heavily on retail sales tax as the City has continued to maintain a zero property tax rate. City Staff has taken immediate steps to limit all non-essential spending. I will continue to coordinate with City Staff, the Board of Aldermen, and the Ways and Means Commission as we navigate these difficult waters.

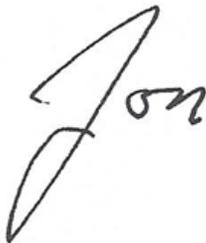
- Courtesy

With all school age children and many neighbors working from home, we have had a request to curtail mowing, trimming, blowing, etc. to afternoons if possible. Many students are participating in virtual classrooms which require audio interaction. Thank you for being considerate and demonstrating the utmost neighborliness that remains a hallmark in our community. Also, as many of us take to the wonderful trails in our City, please maintain safe distancing.

We are blessed by the resilience and supportive nature of our businesses and residents. Continuing in that spirit, I strongly encourage you to shop local. A listing of restaurants providing carry-out, pick up or delivery is available on our website. Let's all work together as the strong unit we are to protect the values we hold dear in Town and Country and keep our City moving forward.

Additional COVID related information is available and updated regularly on the home page of our website under "Coronavirus Updates and Information." Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further at this time.

I will update this message as necessary and appropriate. Please stay safe and healthy out there. Best wishes to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial letter.