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To: Tuttle Businesses
From: Tim Young, City Manager
Date: March 25, 2020
Re: Mandatory Closure of All Non-Essential Businesses

Yesterday, Governor Stitt issued an Executive Order requiring all non-essential businesses to cease operations effective this evening (Wednesday, March 25th, 2020) at midnight. This includes all of Grady County. Unless you are classified as an essential business or employer, you are not allowed to operate until the order has been lifted. The Executive Order is currently effective through Thursday, April 16th, 2020.

Currently, it has been left up to each municipal and county government to determine how to interpret the Governor's Executive Order. The City of Tuttle Community Development Department will take the lead in helping our local businesses determine if they are classified as essential or non-essential, and communicate with businesses and help answer any questions they may have.

The City of Tuttle fully knows and understands that the closure of your business will cause financial hardship. It will hurt, and some may not financially survive. This is a very solemn and somber situation we have been tasked with. We want to help you in any possible way we can.

How do you determine if you are, in fact, essential? We have placed a link on the COVID-19 page of our website (www.cityoftuttle.com) directing you to a state website with a description of what qualifies as essential. The state website (criticalworker.ok.gov) also includes a form you can fill out asking the Governor to consider your business as essential. You can also email Bryan Balenseifen, our Building Inspector, with questions and concerns at buildinginspector@cityoftuttle.com. With the closure of City Hall, email is the best form of communication. Bryan will be leading the City's response to the Governor's Executive Order.

There are some state and federal programs available with the expressed purpose of assisting impacted businesses. We will be posting links to these programs on the COVID-19 page on our website. The Tuttle Area Chamber of Commerce will also communicate with you regarding these programs. Chamber Director Leslie Walker will be more than happy to talk with you about the programs that are available. You can email her at director@tuttleareachamber.com.

If you find yourself unable to afford your city utilities during this time, please contact the our billing department at billing@cityoftuttle.com. They will be able to setup payment arrangements and deferments for those financially distressed during this time.

Updates to the Governor's Executive Order will be posted on the City's webpage.