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Team New Buffalo,

Our community, like so many others, is facing an unprecedented challenge, just to touch base with all of you on what to expect here in our City in regards to your public safety. All critical teams that support vital City services are still working to maintain order and keep the City's infrastructure working properly. Just like everyone else, the ways that we have to do it now have changed because *as an employer, The City has a duty to keep our employees as safe as possible too.*

Emergency Police and Fire operations are operating normally. Rest assured, if you hear that bump in the night, or smell smoke, help will be there. If you have non-emergent questions regarding anything, City Staff members are still manning the telephones at City Hall M-F 8-4, BUT there are fewer people at City Hall because *as an employer, the City has a duty to keep our employees as safe as possible too*, therefore much of our staff is working from home or remote locations. You MIGHT have to leave a message and the appropriate City staff member will get back to you.

Enforcement of State and Federal Mandates. We are enforcing all State and Federal Mandates, but remember, *as an employer, the City has a duty to keep our employees as safe as possible too.* If we receive a complaint or see an obvious violation while patrolling, we will deal with it. We have shut down multiple building projects but projects that are for Critical Infrastructure, or necessary work to keep property from sustaining severe loss, have been allowed to continue in line with the mandates. We have been allowing existing projects to get to a point where they are "dried in" but once they get passed that point, they may not work any longer. Prosecution has been requested on an individual that was a host to a large party at a rental property. We will continue to monitor the City for large gatherings and deal with them appropriately.

We are here, we are serving the best we absolutely can.

Sincerely,

The Management and Employees of the City of New Buffalo.

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