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**Albany Common Council Statement on COVID19**

**ALBANY, NY** - The Albany Common Council continues to work with the Mayor's office to ensure that Albany residents are taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus while continuing vital City functions. We appreciate the swift response of Mayor Kathy Sheehan and we appreciate the work and dedication of the City of Albany employees to ensure that the city continues to meet the needs of residents. We urge our constituents to review the department by department list regularly as needs arise before going directly to a City office. Many non-emergency functions are moved to online or via appointment or the telephone.

The full list is here: https://www.albanyny.gov/NewsandEvents/News/20-03-15/City_of_Albany_Announces_Availability_of_Essential_and_Non-Essential_Services_During_COVID-19_Outbreak.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2spvJe2lf1d7gsopFoRrCrmjn5_oBw05sHFUBRfLkqLSpofynbTXU-rR4

The Common Council values transparency and is dedicated to continuing governance during this time. We are examining the best ways to ensure our meetings are available and we can hear from the public while minimizing the spread of COVID19. We also recognize and appreciate the efforts of Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, and county departments for the work they are doing on behalf of the public health and our communities. We will continue to partner with state and local officials and community leaders to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our constituents are a top priority.