



City of Pontiac, Michigan

PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF PONTIAC EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGER, FRED LEEB ANNOUNCES "FURLOUGH DAY" FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

PONTIAC – In order to reduce the budget deficit the City of Pontiac has announced a reduction of operations in several departments that will begin on **Friday, October 16, 2009**. The following departments will be closed to the public on that day and also on **Friday, October 30th and November 13th**. There will be a furlough day in this manner every other Friday for the remainder of the fiscal year through June 30, 2010 or until further notice.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

ALL DEPARTMENTS OPERATED IN CITY HALL including:

- EXECUTIVE OFFICE
- CITY COUNCIL
- FINANCE, BUDGET, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PURCHASING
- TREASURY (**This division will be closed and will not accept payments on furlough days**)
- HUMAN RESOURCES, LABOR RELATIONS AND PAYROLL/PERSONNEL
- RETIREMENT
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- BLOCK GRANT (FEDERAL PROGRAMS)
- ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
- LAW DEPARTMENT
- PONTIAC GROWTH GROUP, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ALL DPW @ WESSON STREET:

- DPW DIVISION ENGINEERING, SIGN SHOP, ELECTRICAL SHOP, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- BUILDINGS & SAFETY ENGINEERING, PLANNING DIVISION

OTHER OPERATIONS:

- PARKS & RECREATION
- WATER DEPARTMENT
- PARKING ADMINISTRATION

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL BE OPEN (CONTINUE TO OPERATE) ON FURLOUGH DAYS WITH A REDUCED STAFF:

- CEMETERIES
- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- FIRE INSPECTORS & ADMINISTRATION
- POLICE ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS WHICH WILL CONTINUE DESPITE FURLOUGH DAYS INCLUDE:

- POLICE
- FIRE & EMS RESPONSE SERVICE
- LIBRARY
- SENIOR CENTERS
- GOLF COURSE
- PARKING ENFORCEMENT
- CERTAIN CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES
- TELEVAN

Services provided to the public by non-city personnel such as garbage collection and demolitions will continue as previously scheduled. There should be no interruptions of street lighting, water or wastewater flow or issuance of payroll or retirement checks.

The City is asking for the community's understanding in this difficult financial time. The public is asked to check to ensure that the offices they need to contact are open beforehand. Updates will be provided on the cable access channel and the City's website. Wherever possible, consideration will be given to reduce inconvenience while attempting to continue operations with reduced staff. The City of Pontiac sincerely appreciates the understanding of the community during this difficult time and all efforts will be taken to return operations to normal business hours if and when the financial outlook for the City permits.