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City will resume limited rental inspections in June

April 29, 2020 – Rochester, Minnesota – The City of Rochester Building Safety Department will resume rental inspections on a limited basis beginning June 1, 2020.

Inspectors will take safety precautions to minimize exposure and slow the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing and wearing masks and gloves during inspections.

Inspections will be limited to buildings with four or fewer units; no rental inspections will be conducted in multi-family buildings with more than four units until further notice. Landlords and managers will be required to assist with inspections that require physical interaction, such as the opening of windows or pulling down of smoke detectors.

“We strongly encourage tenants to vacate premises during inspections,” said Randy Johnson, the City of Rochester’s Building Safety Director. Johnson added that landlords and managers are also asked to wear face masks during interaction to protect inspectors and tenants.

To schedule inspections, please email the Building Safety Department at rbsrental@rochestermn.gov and include your rental property information and preferred inspection date options or call 507-328-2600 and follow the prompts to schedule.

Inspections are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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(COVID-19) PANDEMIC**



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**Stay at Home
Executive Order 20-20**
Effective March 27 — April 10

**City of Rochester
Declaration of Local Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Olmsted County
Public Health Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Minnesota Peacetime State of
Emergency EM-3453**
Issued March 13, 2020

**National Emergency
Concerning Novel Coronavirus
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak**
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LOCAL ACTIVATIONS

**City of Rochester
Emergency Operations Plan**

Joint Information Center (JIC)

**City of Rochester Emergency
Operations Center (EOC)**

EOC STRATEGY
Ensure Community Lifelines

EOC OBJECTIVES
Continuity of Operations
Timely Community and
Teammate Communication
Economic Stability
Community Stability
Healthcare System Support

Lifelines enable the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and are essential to human health and safety or economic security.

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