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### **Alternative provided to attending Athens Planning Commission in person**

The regularly scheduled Athens Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, March 17, will be held at Athens City Hall. The work session is at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m.

On March 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended avoiding large gatherings since this can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States. As part of the City's efforts with its COVID-19 protocols aimed to limit exposure, the Planning Commission meeting will be live streamed. The link will be on the City's homepage at [www.athensal.us](http://www.athensal.us) under "Athens News." Athens Mayor Ronnie Marks encourages citizens to utilize this option if possible.

Here are options for remote public input:

- During the meeting, Public Works Director James Rich will provide a phone number citizens can use to call in with comments or questions about an agenda item.
- Citizens can email Rich ahead of time with questions about agenda items that he can answer during the meeting. Send those to: [jrich@athensal.us](mailto:jrich@athensal.us)

The agenda for Tuesday's meeting is online under "Planning Commission" at:  
<https://www.athensalabama.us/AgendaCenter/>

In addition, those who meet the following criteria are prohibited from attending in person:

- Persons who have been, within the last 14 days, in any area identified by the CDC as subject to a Level 3 Travel Health Notice or as a place of "Widespread sustained spread and restrictions on travel to the United States," see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> This list may update.
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the areas listed above within the last 14 days.
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency.
- Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or the flu.
- Persons who have a fever 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, have trouble breathing, or are obviously unwell, and have not been free of those conditions for 48 hours.

"This is an evolving health situation, and the City of Athens will continue to coordinate with our EMA and county officials to enact protocols to protect the health of our community," Mayor Ronnie Marks said.

Citizens can stay updated on City of Athens protocols related to the Limestone County Pandemic Standard Operating Guidelines through these options:

- City of Athens, Alabama (Public Relations) on Facebook.
- City of Athens website at [www.athensal.us](http://www.athensal.us) and look for the updates link on the homepage under "Athens News."
- Sign up for Nixle alerts at <https://local.nixle.com/register/> and follow "City of Athens and Utilities."