



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

<b>Releasing Officer:</b>	Sergeant Thomas N. O'Neal
<b>Report Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Date / Time:</b>	June 22, 2020 6:00 p.m.
<b>Location of Incident:</b>	Town Hall (461 N. Main Street)
<b>Crime or Incident:</b>	City Council Meeting-Security/Safety Protocols
<b>Victim:</b>	N/A

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Fort Bragg will be holding its first public meeting since the announcement in March of a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus. The current restrictions and safeguards related to COVID-19 combined with an expected larger than normal turnout for the meeting requires additional safety and security protocols for the event. Here are a summary of those protocols:

- The 100 Block of W. Laurel Street will be closed to traffic at 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2020 until the conclusion of the City Council Meeting.
- Seating inside of Town Hall for the public and media will be limited to nine members of the public and four media members due to social distancing requirements. Admission will be based on a first-come basis. Individuals hoping to secure seating may arrive early to the meeting and begin forming a line outside of the main entrance to Town Hall (west entrance). There will be **no** in-and-out privileges. If you leave the meeting once it starts your seat will not be reserved. The public and media are highly encouraged to view the meeting on one of the many platforms provided by the City.
- Those participating in Public Comment will be required to form a line outside of Town Hall starting at the southeast entrance. City Staff will be at location at 5:00 p.m. to provide direction to the public. The line for Public Comment will move around Town Hall to the north and then west onto W. Laurel Street. Markings will be present on the sidewalk to assist with social distancing.
- The open grassy areas of the Guest House Museum will be open to the public. The City will attempt to provide some outdoor speaker systems to assist in following along with the meeting, however individuals may livestream the meeting as it occurs on their cellular devices.
- Social distancing requirements will be in place in all areas of the event. Facial coverings are required in the park area surrounding the Guest House Museum and in any area where a minimum of six feet social distancing cannot be met.

- The majority of windows and doors at Town Hall will be open in order to allow for maximum air circulation to help reduce the risks associated with COVID-19. Unfortunately, this will allow outside noise to easily disrupt the Meeting and those participating in public comment. For this reason, the City is requesting that groups of people do not congregate near open windows or doorways.

The Fort Bragg Police Department's mission in assisting with this event is to provide members of the public the equal opportunity to have their voices heard. We are proud of our community and their willingness to come together to fairly voice their opinions on the matters presented. Questions regarding security and safety protocols related to this event may be directed to Sergeant O'Neal at [toneal@fortbragg.com](mailto:toneal@fortbragg.com).

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