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Most City Offices to Close for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ABILENE, Texas - In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day, most City of Abilene offices and community service centers will be closed on Monday, January 16, with the exception of those providing life safety services such as fire and police protection.

The Abilene Animal Shelter will be closed January 16. Citizens with an Animal Control emergency may call the Abilene Police Department at 673-8331 and an Animal Services Officer will be available to **respond**. Any animal that is picked up as a stray during the holiday will be attended to at the shelter. The Animal Shelter will re-open on Tuesday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. to resume normal business hours.

Solid Waste Services division offices will not be open January 16. There will be no residential refuse collection on Monday. Residents who would normally receive collection service on January 16 will receive service the following Thursday, January 19. Residents who are scheduled for curbside brush and bulky refuse collection on January 16 will receive service the next day, beginning Tuesday, January 17. Commercial refuse collection will continue as scheduled. The Environmental Recycling Center (ERC) will also be closed Monday and will resume regular business hours on Tuesday.

CityLink Transit will run regular hours on January 16.

The Abilene Zoo will be open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on January 16.

The Main and Mockingbird branches of the Abilene Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, January 16. The South branch of the Abilene Public Library located in the Mall of Abilene will be open regular hours on January 16.

The Municipal Court will be closed on January 16. All citations due January 16 will be due on Tuesday, January 17 with no penalty.

Other City closings for January 16 include: City Hall, the Water Office, Health Division, Abilene Convention Center offices, the Development Corporation of Abilene, the Airport Administration Office, City Recreation and Senior Citizen Centers.

The Water Services Center, 701 E. Hwy. 80, will be closed on January 16 and resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January 17. For water emergencies, sewer problems and reports of water conservation ordinance violations, citizens may call the Water Services Center's emergency hotline, 676-6000, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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