

Dear Brookland Residents:

Friday, May 1, 2020

The Covid-19 Pandemic has really thrown a curve ball to all of us. We at city hall were so excited looking forward to 2020 and what it meant for our city. Yes, I am talking about the 2020 Centennial Census. The Census count is done every ten years. Population determines how our federal government sends monies to states, in the form of grants for parks, sidewalks, water/sewer improvements, storm shelters, and much more. We received an email that City of Brookland's response to the Census requests was 51%. The Census Bureau said there will be another effort made starting May 1, 2020, requesting Census information from those citizens that have not filled out and returned their first request.

Due to Covid-19, our city revenue may decrease by 40% or more over the next two months and by 20% to 25% over the next year. Filling out your 2020 Census request will mean more to our city than ever. Making sure we get a good count means our city will rebound from the repercussions of the Covid-19 Pandemic sooner than later, without the need to raise fees on any services. Just by making sure you are counted means better representation on the federal and state level.

Lastly, I want to remind you that If you do not fill out 2020 Census information request, an enumerator person for 2020 Census will knock on your door to obtain your information. You can fill out the form via the internet using a computer or phone, or by mail to eliminate an enumerator visit. With your help we can get our percentage of returned requests up to 100%.

Sincerely,
Mayor Jones