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## PRESS RELEASE

### Suspending of Annual City/County Spring Cleanup 2019

Dear Citizens of Fort Stockton,

Due to our limited space left in our current City Landfill, the City of Fort Stockton City Council made the decision during their Regular City Council Meeting held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 to suspend the Annual City/County Spring Cleanup Event this year. Based on current and previous landfill tonnage average numbers, we will run out of space to dispose our residential/commercial trash waste sometime in 2020. Our goal, which also includes every effort to increase recycling efforts in our community every year, is to be proactive and make these decisions to make every effort possible and extend a little bit more life to our current landfill. If any residential citizen inside city limits needs to get rid of a bulky item, please follow the current bulk trash procedure of making a work order at City Hall, paying the appropriate fees, and our Public Works Department will schedule a time to pick up the item left by a city dumpster that does not block any water and gas meters and also not blocking any access for weekly dumpster pickups. Of course, you may take bulky item(s) to our City Landfill at any time except Wednesdays and Sundays. Those are the two days when the Landfill is closed to the public. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are excited our new Landfill permit application is currently being reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Austin, and we are confident that approval to start construction of a new City Landfill is very close. Our City leaders and our Public Works Director, Mr. Aaron Ramos Jr., will look at this year's Landfill numbers at the end of the summer months and hope that we may consider continuing to do a City/County Fall Cleanup Event later on this year. We thank you in advance for understanding this situation that affects everyone living in our community. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ramos at (432) 336-3092 with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Aaron Ramos Jr.

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