



# ***El Monte NEWS***

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## **City Hall New Hours** **8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

El Monte, Calif. - Effective Monday, March 9, 2009, El Monte City Hall, along with most City offices will have shortened official business hours. The new hours of operation will be:

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Friday

Not affected will be the Police Department front desk office hours, which will continue as usual:

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. 7 days a week

Regular business hours will be reduced from 40 hours per week to 36 hours per week. This action is an emergency measure in response to a severely declining revenue stream. The City of El Monte, along with the county, state and nation, are all experiencing unanticipated losses in revenue. This temporary reduction in city business hours will last as long as our revenue stream continues in its current reduced state. We are hopeful that during mid-2010, the Stimulus infusion of funds into the economy will have worked sufficiently to allow us to bring staffing back up to 100%, and we can return to our prior 40 hour work week.

This extraordinary step is being taken to help shore up a \$4 Million gap in revenues for this current fiscal year. “Due to the City’s severe fiscal crisis, the state of the general economy and the impact it has had on the finances of the City, we will be taking the unprecedented emergency step to immediately reduce costs by reducing business hours to a 36 hour work-week,” City Manager James Mussenden stated.

“We are sorry for the impact this decision will have on the community, but this is another step in a series that the City has been taking to reduce our cash expenditures. We have already cut budgets and staffing to levels that are severely affecting our ability to provide programs, activities and services to the public. However, when there is no more money, there is not much we can do.”

*El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 125,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.*

*El Monte can also be visited on the web at [www.ElMonteCA.gov](http://www.ElMonteCA.gov)*

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