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## **Community Development and Fair Housing Month to feature virtual sessions**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.** – The city of Rocky Mount Community and Business Development Department is partnering with the Human Relations Department to celebrate Community Development and Fair Housing Month. The recognition will take place during April and is highlighted by four virtual presentations.

- **Thursday, April 1:** City of Rocky Mount staff will offer a virtual presentation on government services including utility and water services, code enforcement and more.
- **Wednesday, April 7:** Local agencies will provide information about services including COVID-19 grants, down payment assistance and how to find grant money for installation of new HVAC systems.
- **Thursday, April 22:** “Fair Housing: More Than Just Words,” presentations will cover laws updates, with topics ranging from tenants rights to COVID-19 Cares Act funding assistance (rental, mortgage, utilities).
- **Friday, April 27:** Presentations will take on a business development focus and will include speakers on downtown incentives, financial literacy and minority contractors.

“We are excited about this series of wide-ranging discussions that will benefit our citizens in a variety of critical areas,” Human Relations Director Archie Jones said.

All virtual sessions will take place at 10 a.m. Zoom links will be posted prior to each session.

**About Rocky Mount:** The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse,

recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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