

We officially closed our business on 30 June 2020. We were going to keep the USA business open along with a second one in Russia, but decided that there might be a lot more paperwork involved than we anticipated. Our accountant advised that if we closed at the end of June, it would involve less paperwork than waiting til part way into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (tax filing, etc.). So, we started the process, filled out the paperwork and sent the forms in...it actually wasn't too bad, only a few forms to fill out, and thankfully, no fees for filing them. But, we'll have to keep the business bank accounts going for some time to tie up all the loose ends, and to keep our internet alive, since that's a business account.

Seems the timing was the best as after closing we received a message from the county government that as of Monday, 13 July 2020, **all** businesses have to fill out a Social Distancing Protocol and submit it to the County.

"The Protocol requires information that:

- Identifies and provides contact information for the business and the person responsible for insuring compliance with the Protocol (usually the owner or manager)
- Confirms that the business is posting proper signage
- Confirms that the business is properly training its workers
- Confirms that the business is putting measures in place to protect its workers and the public
- Confirms that the business has an adequate plan in place if a worker tests positive for COVID-19
- Certifies under penalty of perjury that the information submitted is true and accurate to knowledge of the person signing the Protocol"

Seems like a lot of RED TAPE for a home business of 2 people that primarily deals over the internet (around 99.9%). We haven't had a physical human client in our office in several years, everything is done remotely or at the client's office.

The town finished off our hopes of keeping the USA business open. At the beginning of the year they decreed that no part of a home may be changed in any way to support a business. Years back, about 20 or so, we remodeled part of a room for an office...well, so much for that! We would have had to remove the business from that room and move it someplace else. Ok, Russia it is and we're now open for business again.