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Inspection Program Update
Applies to Building, Electrical, Fire Code, Stormwater and Public Works Inspections

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee issued the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. Per the order, the City of Lacey is issuing this Inspection Program Update to comply with restrictions imposed by the Proclamation (20-25) for activities related to construction.

Governor Jay Inslee’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order went into effect at midnight, Wednesday, March 26th until Wednesday, April 8th, 2020, for a total of 14 days.

Due to that Order and official guidance issued from the Governor on March 25th, 2020, “construction is not considered an essential activity”. As a result, all construction – residential and commercial – must be shut down during the two weeks in which the order is in place. The only exception to this order is for:

- Construction related to essential activities as described in the Governor’s order
- To further a public purpose related to a public entity or governmental function or facility, including but not limited to publicly financed low-income housing; or
- To prevent spoliation and avoid damage or unsafe conditions, and address emergency repairs at both non-essential business and residential structures.

For clarification of whether your project is considered essential construction activities you may review the order on the Governor’s website at <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources>

To make a request for determination on if your business or construction activity is “essential” you may submit a request to the Governor’s office at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d4c155fa930f4b848f95774d610c9708>

If you have questions about an activity and if it qualifies as an emergency repair or structural integrity work, please call the general office main line (360)491-5642. The City of Lacey will keep their stakeholders updated as this issue evolves.

While recognizing the Governor’s Order, the City is allowing for a variation of the customary “on-site” inspection process. The following are some of the methods in which inspections can continue.

1. In person inspections if all social distancing and hygiene protocols can be met as determined by the inspector. **Note: Inspectors will not enter any occupied residence or occupied care facility.**
2. Live video inspection. If this method is chosen, you must first schedule and coordinate the time with the inspector.
3. Pictorial inspection, if approved and coordinated in advance with inspector.

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4. 3rd party inspection from a Registered Professional of Record with necessary documentation with advance approval from inspector.

Please don't assume a given inspection method is approved without first consulting with one of our inspection staff and receiving prior approval. **Please contact our main office at (360)491-5642**

Thank you,

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Building Official/Fire Marshal