

Permit Center and Inspection Services – March 31, 2020

Our Virtual Permit Center (VPC) is OPEN and in full operation!

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS & PLAN REVIEW

- **The City is accepting and issuing all Building Permit application types. An issued permit does not permit construction in violation of the [County Health Order](#). Violations of the County Health Order will be reported to the Concord Police Department.** See the County [Executive Summary](#) and [table below](#) to further clarify which construction project types are allowed under the Order
- All applications may be submitted via email along with a Permit Application Form. Instructions for payment will be emailed upon receipt of application
- Plan reviews are being performed as usual, and while we are doing our best to meet our standard review times, please allow for some flexibility as processes evolve
- While **our Virtual Permit Center (VPC) is in operation** as described above, our **Permit Center office and counter services are closed through May 3** or until further notice
- Permit staff can be reached at bldgpermits@cityofconcord.org or 925-671-3107. We will do our best to respond to inquiries within 24 hours
- For applications, forms, and other permit information visit www.cityofconcord.org/building

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

- **The City is only performing inspections on permits for new affordable housing units, new medical facilities directly related to COVID-19 response, and emergency repairs** per the [County Health Order](#) and [Executive Summary](#). See [table below](#) for further clarification
- Inspections can be requested at www.cityofconcord.org/buildinginspections or 925-671-3109
- The City continues to offer next-day-inspection service for inspection types allowed under the Order
- Inspection staff can be reached at inspectors@cityofconcord.org or 925-671-3330. We will do our best to respond to inquiries within 24 hours
- For additional inspection information visit www.cityofconcord.org/buildinginspections

BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The City is continuing to perform Building Code Enforcement for life-safety related items
- **Even while the County Health Order is in effect, a permit must be obtained prior to any construction commencing**
- Any construction done without a permit will be considered new construction subject to the inspection limitations detailed in the [table below](#)
- To report a Code violation or get more information on our Building Code Enforcement services visit www.cityofconcord.org/185/Building-Code-Enforcement

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**Permit and Inspection Services during COVID-19 County Health Order dated
March 31, 2020**

Type of construction	Can I apply for a permit?	Can I obtain a permit?	Can I get inspections?
RESIDENTIAL:			
New emergency work for residential leak repair, electrical repair, to restore utilities, sewer repair, or water heater or furnace repair/replacement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Already started, permitted construction of residential remodels or additions, but project is not yet complete	N/A	N/A	Only to restore to safe, sanitary and habitable conditions
Already started, permitted construction of repairs or additions to residential pools, shed, trellises and other ancillary structures	N/A	N/A	No. Inspection & construction prohibited by Order
New single family, multi family, or Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) housing	Yes	*Yes	Only if it is affordable housing with at least 10% of units income-restricted
New Residential PV, electrical vehicle charging stations, re-roofs, or re-siding	Yes	*Yes	No. Inspection & construction prohibited by Order
New residential remodels or additions	Yes	*Yes	No. Inspection & construction prohibited by Order
New construction of repairs or additions to residential pools, sheds, trellises and other ancillary structures	Yes	*Yes	No. Inspection & construction prohibited by Order
COMMERCIAL:			
New emergency work for commercial leak repair, electrical repair, to restore utilities, sewer repair, or water heater or furnace repair/replacement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Already started, permitted construction of improvement or repair of an "Essential Business"	N/A	N/A	Only to restore to safe, sanitary, and habitable conditions
Already started, permitted construction of improvement or repair of an existing building not meeting the definition of "Essential Business"	N/A	N/A	Only to protect materials or make site safe and secure
New commercial building or alterations, repairs, or improvements to space meeting the definition of "Essential Business" per County Health order	Yes	*Yes	Only Healthcare Operations directly related to COVID-19 response
New commercial building or alterations, repairs, or improvements to an existing space not meeting the definition of "Essential Business"	Yes	*Yes	No. Inspection & construction prohibited by Order