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Office of the Building Inspector

NOTICE: Suspension of All Work on Non-Essential Construction and Demolition Sites

Effectively immediately, all work on non-essential construction and demolition sites is hereby suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, in accordance with New York State Executive Order 202.6.

Essential or Non-Essential Construction

Pursuant to NYS Executive Orders 202.6 and 202.13 and the Empire State Development Corporation Guidance on Executive Orders 202.6 and 202.13, any construction related to roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, transitional housing, supportive housing, and homeless shelters is considered essential construction. All other construction or demolition projects are considered non-essential.

Emergency Construction

Emergency construction – projects necessary to protect health and safety of occupants of a building, or continuation of projects that would be unsafe if allowed to remain unfinished – are allowed upon issuance of a permit (i.e. Building, Demolition, Electrical, or Plumbing Permit), by the Department of Code Compliance. This work includes:

1. Any emergency work ordered by the Fire Chief /Building Inspector;
2. Restoration of essential services, such as heat, hot water, cold water, gas or electricity.

Permit applications may be delivered in person or by mail to the Town of New Windsor Building Department, 555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, New York 12553.

Enforcement

All work on all sites must abide by general safety and COVID-19 related safety measures, including social distancing procedures purposes of ingress/egress onto work sites, elevator or stairwell entry, and on-site breaks for meals.

Any sites found in violation of any of the above will be subjected to all State and local penalties permitted by law, including fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

Single/Sole Worker Exception

This notice shall not apply to construction work being performed by a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site.

Site Maintenance and Security

The owner of any site is responsible for ensuring the site is secured and maintained in a manner that safeguard the public and property throughout the duration of time operations are suspended. These measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Sites shall be kept free of garbage, construction debris, demolition debris, excess vegetation, standing water, and rodents.
2. All construction and demolition materials shall be safely stored.
3. Fencing shall be provided and maintained around the site as required by the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
4. Public sidewalks and walkways shall be maintained in a safe condition free of debris and tripping hazards, and in a manner that permits the safe flow of unimpeded pedestrian traffic.
5. Perimeter security shall be maintained, to the extent feasible, so as to discourage illegal dumping.
6. All required temporary or permanent means of ingress/egress shall be maintained clear and unobstructed.
7. Fire suppression (e.g. standpipe, sprinkler) and fire detection equipment (e.g. smoke, carbon monoxide) shall be maintained in good, working order.

Permits

Any building or demolition permits that are already issued and that would be affected by this executive order are suspended and shall expire at the end of the term for which they were issued. Permits must still be renewed at the expiration of the permit term, even though work remains suspended. There are no changes to the permit renewal process, including with respect to fees. Renewal of a permit is neither permission nor authority to conduct construction work. Construction work under a renewal permit may continue only when Executive Orders 202.6 and 202.13 are rescinded or modified to permit such work to proceed.