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INDUSTRY UPDATE
SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL FOR PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS
EFFECTIVE January 14, 2021

In a continued effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Provincial government announced that effective January 14, 2021 at 12:01am Ontario will move into a "Stay-at-Home Order" and introduce enhanced enforcement measures to reduce mobility, requiring everyone to remain at home.

The Province has indicated that non-essential construction will be further restricted to enhance public health and workplace safety measures during the province-wide shut down. In order to do our part in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Building Division will continue to maintain strategic modifications to our service delivery. Current Building Division services are outlined below.

BUILDING DIVISION SERVICES

Building Division – Inquiries

In-person Building Division inquiries will not be available. Please contact our Permit Services Clerk at (519) 255-6267 Ext. 6862 or email buildingdept@citywindsor.ca for all inquiries.

Building Permit Application – Submissions

Building Permit Application submissions will continue to be accepted online through the E-services building permit page located on the City's website www.citywindsor.ca.

Building Permit Application - Plans Review

Building Permit Applications will continue to be reviewed by our Plans Examination Staff.

Building Permit Application – Permit Issuance

Once an application has completed the review process, the applicant will be notified by email that their permit is ready for issuance and payment is required.

Building Permit Application – Payments

Building permit payments will continue to be processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Payment will not be processed in person and payment-processing timelines may be temporarily delayed. Permit applicants will continue to receive email notifications when payments are processed.

Inspection Scheduling

Our Dispatch can be reached by phone at (519) 255-6453 or email dispatch@citywindsor.ca. Emails and calls will be answered Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Inspections will only be permitted and scheduled for permitted construction activities. Depending on the type of the inspection request, the inspection may be scheduled as an In-Person Site Inspection or a Virtual/Remote Inspection.

Inspections

In-person site inspections will only be performed when there are **no** workers on site. When this cannot be accommodated, other safety measures will be required in order for the inspection to be performed.

In all our efforts, we will strive to continue to be responsive to the construction industry's needs, and above all, we will continue to take all necessary precautions regarding staff, site and community safety. Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



John Revell

The information contained herein is only intended to communicate a summary of information relating to measures proposed to come into effect in Ontario Thursday, January 14, 2021.

The material is not legal advice and does not purport to be or to provide an interpretation of the law. In the event of any conflict or difference between this summary information and any applicable legislation or regulation, the legislation or regulation prevails.

Overview: Timing and Geographical Application

When do the enhanced measures in the Provincewide Shutdown start?	Where, and how long, are the Provincewide Shutdown measures in effect?
There will be a combination of measures that come into effect between Tuesday January 12, 2021 and Thursday, January 14, 2021, including a provincial declaration of emergency under the <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i> , orders under that Act, and amendments to regulations under the <i>Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020</i> .	The enhanced public health and workplace safety measures are in effect for all of Ontario and are anticipated to be in place until at least Thursday, February 11, 2021.

(UPDATED) General Public Health Measures for all Individuals

Stay-at-Home
Physical Distancing Every person in a place of business or facility that is open to the public shall maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person except from their caregiver or other members of the person's household, with limited exceptions.
Face Coverings Every person in the premises of a business or organization that is open shall ensure that they wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose and chin, when they are in indoor areas of the premises, with limited exemptions.

(UPDATED) Businesses Permitted to Open and Sector Specific Restrictions

Sector	Businesses, organizations and services permitted to open under the Provincewide Shutdown and any sector-specific public health and workplace safety measures
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted construction activities or projects and related services, including land surveying and demolition services. Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector and long-term care, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space. Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in, provincial and municipal infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy, mining and justice sectors beyond the day-to-day maintenance. Construction projects and services that support the operations of, and provide new capacity in schools, colleges, universities, municipal infrastructure and child care centres within the meaning of the <i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i>. Construction projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Construction projects and services that support the operations of Broadband internet and cellular technologies and services. Critical industrial construction activities required for, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries, significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has already commenced, industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Personal Protective Equipment, medical devices (such as ventilators), and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction projects that are due to be completed before <u>July 2021</u> and that would provide additional capacity in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food, beverages or agricultural products. Construction projects that were commenced before <u>January 12, 2021</u>, and that would, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. provide additional capacity for businesses that provide logistical support, distribution services, warehousing, storage or shipping and delivery services, or ii. provide additional capacity in the operation and delivery of Information Technology (IT) services or telecommunications services.
Construction, continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential construction projects where, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a footing permit has been granted for single family, semi-detached and townhomes the project is a condominium, mixed use or other residential building, or the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work was started before <u>January 12, 2021</u>. Construction to prepare a site for an institutional, commercial, industrial or residential development, including any necessary excavation, grading, roads or utilities infrastructure. Construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused or are not active and to ensure ongoing public safety. Below-grade multi-unit residential construction projects, such as apartments and condominiums. The Ontario government also provided that businesses must follow public health measures and should review the workplace safety guidelines. <p>Construction on any project intended to provide either, affordable housing, or shelter or supports for vulnerable persons,</p> <p>If the project is being funded in whole or in part by, or is being undertaken by, any of the following:</p> <p>A. the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, B. an agency of the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, C. a municipality, D. a service manager as defined in the <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>, or E. a registered charity and not for profit within the meaning of the <i>Income Tax Act (Canada)</i>.</p> <p>Enhanced with: Workplace testing</p> <p>Additional enforcement to ensure compliance</p>