



MIAMI COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

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DOD COVID-19 POLICY MEMO UPDATE, EFFECTIVE: *March 24 2020*

ODH DIRECTOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER, EFFECTIVE 11:59 p.m., March 23, 2020:

- The stay at home order referenced above lists the following as Essential Infrastructure:
. . . construction (including, but not limited to, construction required in response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care facilities, public works construction, school construction, essential business construction, and housing construction; building . . . maintenance. . .
- Further guidance encourages essential infrastructure to be broadly construed and broadly defined. Based on this update and definition, Miami County DOD, Building Regulations, will continue operations as described below.

BUILDING REGULATIONS—General Information:

- Building Regulations office can be reached at 937-440-8121

BUILDING REGULATIONS—Permit Processing:

- Digital service for permit processing and related activities will not be interrupted. Submission of applications and construction documents can be processed online here: www.miamicountyohio.gov/137/buildingregulations
- To submit paper applications and construction documents, please contact Tracy Hunt (see above) to discuss options. We will make every effort to retrieve delivered documents, receive scanned or faxed documents, or other possible options.
- Inspections will be scheduled in accordance with the following guidelines.

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Note: On a case-by-case basis, the Building Official may consider inspection requests not specifically addressed in the following guidelines.

BUILDING REGULATIONS—Residential Construction:

- New work and alterations in **unoccupied** residential buildings may be inspected as long as sufficient social distances can be maintained.
- Inspections that require entry into an occupied residence will be limited.
- Where we have concerns about entering the property, we can meet the contractor at the property, but only the contractor enters, and shows us digital (photographic or video) evidence of compliance.
- We have the ability to do virtual inspections via facetime video or skype. Virtual inspection is not applicable for all types of inspections however. (footers, electrical, fire alarms, etc.)
- Other inspection requests will be reviewed based on public health and safety, and availability of staff.

BUILDING REGULATIONS—Non-Residential Construction:

- New work and alterations in **occupied** commercial buildings may be inspected as long as sufficient social distances can be maintained.
Note: This does not include existing hospitals or medical buildings per CDC and Ohio guidelines unless isolated from patient areas.
- Third (3rd) Party Inspections must be pre-approved by Miami County Building Regulations.
- All other inspections will be reviewed based on public health safety and the availability of limited staff.

BUILDING REGULATIONS—Virtual Inspection Program:

- The Building Official has authorized expanded availability of the Virtual Inspection Program. This is available for all construction types (residential and non-residential) and might have limited applicability in hospitals and medical buildings.
- Contact Rob England with any questions or Tracy Hunt to schedule a virtual inspection (see General Information above for contact information).

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