

# **EPHRATA BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLOSURE UPDATE**

**Effective March 27, 2020**

Pursuant to the Governor's Order effective at midnight March 25, 2020, building inspections will be strictly limited to those activities necessary for the continuation of "essential public services" and for emergency home repairs related to life and safety issues.

Our office is officially closed to the public, which means that no walk-ins, appointments, or drop offs will be accepted. At this time we will not be issuing any new building permits.

This will be in effect until Midnight April 7, 2020, when this will be re-evaluated.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy

JAY INSLEE  
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Office of the Governor

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Stakeholders

**FROM:** Governor Jay Inslee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

**DATE:** March 25, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Construction Guidance – Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation (20-25)

In general, commercial and residential construction is not authorized under the Proclamation because construction is not considered to be an essential activity.

However, an exception to the order allows for construction in the following limited circumstances:

- a) Construction related to essential activities as described in the order;
- b) 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
- c) To prevent spoliation and avoid damage or unsafe conditions, and address emergency repairs at both non-essential businesses and residential structures.

To that end, it is permissible for workers who are building, construction superintendents, tradesmen, or tradeswomen, or other trades including, but not limited to, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sheet metal, iron workers, masonry, pipe trades, fabricators, heavy equipment and crane operators, finishers, exterminators, pesticide applicators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC technicians, painting, moving and relocation services, forestry and arborists, and other service providers to provide services consistent with this guidance.

All construction activity must meet social distancing and appropriate health and worker protection measures before proceeding.