



## **Permit Applications and Issuance of Permits within The Municipality of Central Elgin**

**April 6, 2020**

The following is an update related to the status of Building Department Services within Central Elgin. This update follows Ontario Regulation 82/20; prepared under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and is in effect from April 4, 2020 at 11:59pm for the next 14 days.

### **Permit Applications**

Applications will be accepted and reviewed for all types of construction projects (Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural, Institutional and Residential). The review process will continue and all applicable documents and processes followed.

### **Issuance of Building Permit(s)**

Permits will be issued after review of all documentation and all internal processes are completed. Despite the issuance of any permit, you may not be permitted to commence construction due to Regulation 82/20 or subsequent Provincial or Municipal Emergency Orders.

There will be a disclaimer on ALL permits issued after April 5, 2020 that construction will not be permitted to begin until the Emergency Order that relates to that activity has been lifted. The following are deemed essential and are found in sections 27 to 31 of the Provincial Order and may commence or continue:

- Section 27. Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space.
- Section 28. Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in, critical provincial infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy and justice sectors beyond the day-to-day maintenance.
- Section 29. Critical industrial construction activities required for,
  - o i. the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
  - o ii. significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has already commenced,
  - o iii. 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.

- Section 30. Residential construction and includes work for permits already issued for foundations and full construction of single family/semi-detached/townhomes and for all above grade structural of full building condominiums, mixed use and other buildings (SHED, DECKS, DETACHED GARAGE, SEPTIC). Further, projects that involve renovations to residential properties are permitted to continue if construction work was legally commenced prior to April 4, 2020.
- Section 31. Permits construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites under this regulation to ensure ongoing public safety.

Any construction activity on a site that is a non-essential business/service and not in accordance with the above sections will be contravention of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and will be subject to enforcement under the regulation(s).

### **Inspections**

#### **Industrial/Commercial/Institutional**

No further inspections will be completed unless the permit that is issued is for an essential service/business identified under the EMPCA as identified above.

#### **Residential**

Inspections will only be completed on residential projects where a permit has been issued, prior to April 4, 2020 as identified in Section 30.

Please direct all inquiries and questions to our office.

**Issued By:** \_\_\_\_\_  **Date:** APRIL 6, 2020

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