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Council Members

Information continues to roll in on the Governor's order. Here are few key items you may want to be aware of:

1. Building inspections are limited to essential facilities, life/safety, and avoidance of spoilage. That basically means all construction inspections have ceased. We will continue to permit and inspect only those things that fall into those categories. (Earlier it had been interpreted that residential construction was "essential." That has been clarified by the Governor's office and the answer is that it is **not**.) we will continue to accept applications by mail and electronically, and we will continue to review applications, but we are holding permit issuance back until the order is lifted.
2. All meetings of government bodies are to be remote. This means that the Council, Planning Commission, and others **may not** attend meetings in person. (This was clarified by the Attorney General's Office today). Fortunately, CDS already was set up for tonight's Planning Commission meeting to be 100% remote. We will be prepared for your April 13th meeting to be 100% remote in case the order is still in place.

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