



## CITY OF BLAINE

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### **Most Construction Activities Required to Stop**

#### ***Governor's proclamation deems nearly all construction as non-essential***

The City of Blaine announced today that it has identified nearly all construction as non-essential in compliance with Governor Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" statewide stay-at-home order. This means nearly all construction activities are required to stop during the order.

A limited number of construction activities are allowed to continue, and must comply with social distancing; appropriate health and worker protection measures are also required.

According to the memo issued by the governor's office, the construction that may continue must be related to essential activities like health care, transportation, energy, defense and critical manufacturing; construction "to further a public purpose related to a public entity," including publicly financed low-income housing; and emergency repairs.

Proponents that have determined that their project qualifies as an essential infrastructure and businesses may request inspections. Anyone requesting an inspection who believes the project is exempt, per the Governor's order, must be prepared to specifically cite the language in the order and/or follow-up memorandum (i.e., page, paragraph, line) that justifies the inspection. The following list is a guide to allowable construction activities:

- Healthcare and Public Health facilities.
- Emergency Service facilities.
- Food and Agriculture facilities which manufacture or distribute, and are currently under construction.
- Utility facilities related to transportation, communication, electric, water, wastewater.
- Critical manufacturing facilities including hazardous or chemical materials.
- Financial facilities.
- Residential construction projects that are currently under construction can continue to a point to prevent spoliation, damage or unsafe conditions. This will be construed narrowly.
- Residential construction related to emergency repairs necessary to ensure the health and safety of occupants. The Building Official will determine what may constitute an emergency repair.

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