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COVID-19 VIRUS - UPDATE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS CONTINUITY

January 14, 2021

In response to the Provincial Emergency Order announced by the Premier on January 12th, 2021 and further to our previous communication dated September 2nd, 2020, this announcement provides information regarding continuity of business services in the Building Department.

We all have a role to play in addressing the serious public health risk created by the COVID-19 pandemic. As community leaders, the City of Barrie is seeking a collaborative and reasonable approach with our construction industry partners regarding continued activity on both public and private construction projects within the City.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 82/20 and subsequent amendments by Provincial Order issued January 12th, 2021, and effective as of 12:01am on January 14th, 2021, effective immediately the following additional restrictions are imposed on Building Department services.

Building inspections will NOT be carried out on construction projects deemed to be non-essential as per the Provincial list. This includes:

- All ICI construction, except as exempted as essential construction
- All residential construction except where:
 - A building permit has been granted for a single family, semi-detached, and townhomes
 - The project is a condominium, mixed use or other residential building, or
 - The project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work that was started before January 12th, 2021.

Please note the Building Department will continue to accept building permit applications and issue building permits for all building types through the City's APLI portal. It must be noted that, notwithstanding a permit may be issued during this time, physical construction for these projects is **not authorized** (and inspections will not be done) unless they are deemed to be essential by the Emergency Order referred to above, or the Emergency Order is lifted.

The latest regulation which identifies exempt construction projects can be found here: <https://files.ontario.ca/solgen-amend-8220-2021-01-13.pdf>.

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