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BUILDING DIVISION

Building Inspections

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Active Project: All Active Construction Projects

Department: Building & Health Division

Reference: Scheduled Inspections

The state of New Hampshire is currently in a Health restricted State of Emergency, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The MFR is taking additional precautions to ensure minimal exposure to personnel and the threat of health risks are minimized while providing services, the following conditions shall be immediately implemented, until further notice:

Scheduled Inspections: - Conditions Required for Entry to all Buildings:

Foundations, Decks, Sheds and Non-enclosed structures – All Trades

- 24 Hour advanced notice required
- All work that is to be inspected shall have been completed no less than (12 hours) prior to the time of inspection.
- If required, only (1) supervisor is to be present and no other workers are to be on site during the inspection.

Rough Inspections – All Trades

- 48 Hour advanced notice required
- All inspections within an enclosed building are preferred to be made in the AM
- All work that is to be inspected within the building structure shall have been completed, a minimum of (12 hours) prior to the time of inspection.
- Only (1) supervisor is to be present and no other workers are to be on the same floor during the inspection

Final Inspections – All Trades

- 48 Hour advanced notice required
- All surfaces shall be cleaned all dust and construction tools and materials shall be removed from site

- All areas are to be thoroughly cleaned, all surfaces such as door knobs, counter tops, sinks, electric panel covers and appliances, including, furnace, boiler and HW tanks shall be wiped clean and sanitized with 60% alcohol solution a minimum of (12 hours) prior to the time of inspection.
- Only (1) supervisor is to be present and no other workers are to be on the same floor during the inspection.
- Includes all interior spaces, common corridors, and exit stairways the general contractor shall coordinate with the Building Official and Fire Marshal all on-site inspections for Building and Life Safety codes.

Permitted Virtual Inspections

A virtual inspection will be considered acceptable in lieu of an on-site inspection for residential and certain case by case commercial construction projects upon the completion of construction stages performed under individual building permits.

Virtual inspections, photos and videos of the work are permitted for the following:

- Footings, sono-tubes for decks, porches, sheds and non-heated additions
- Exposed underground trenches for sewer, septic pipe and or electrical conduit.
- Light structural frame for decks, porches, sheds, etc., and accessory structures.
- Insulation – finished basements, additions and renovations to existing dwellings.

Each portion of a building and structure will be inspected for minimum standard compliance under the current adopted Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and NFPA - National Electrical Codes.

See MFR web site for acceptance requirements for Virtual Inspections

<https://www.merrimacknh.gov/building-code-enforcement-division/pages/inspections>

The acceptance of the virtual inspection is subject to the information provided under the authority having jurisdiction. Additional on-site inspections may be required to insure code compliance.

Respectfully,

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