

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DATE: May 28, 2020

TO: Top Management

FROM: Mark A. Washington, City Manager

SUBJECT: **City Manager Administrative Order 2020-12: Resumption of Building Inspection Services in Support of Executive Order 2020-96**

We continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with our partner agencies including the State of Michigan, Kent County Health Department, Kent County and our neighboring cities.

On May 21, 2020, the Governor issued EO 2020-96 which revised the previous Executive Order 2020-77, otherwise known as the Stay Home, Stay Safe order.

On May 22, 2020, the Governor issued EO 2020-100 extending Executive Order 2020-96 through June 12, 2020.

EO 2020-96 continues to classify “workers in the construction industry, including workers in the building trades (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, and similar workers)” as “workers who perform resumed activities,” under the order.

City Manager Administrative Order 2020-12 revises temporary service change #11 of City Manager Administrative Order 2020-11 in order to support resumed work in the construction industry, is effective immediately and extends until the expiration of Executive Order 2020-96 or any superseding order from the Governor that is consistent with a temporary requirement to suspend certain activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.

Temporary Service Changes

It is for the reasons stated above that I am ordering temporary service changes that will remain in place until further notice.

Availability of in-person construction code inspections of commercial and unoccupied residential construction projects will continue for situations where a remote (e.g., video-enabled) inspection is not feasible.

- a. To ensure code compliance of resumed construction, availability of in-person construction code inspections of occupied residential units resumed on May 7, 2020 for situations where a remote (e.g., video-enabled)

inspection is not feasible.

- b. Departmental management will maintain protocols and procedures to maximize remote inspections where feasible, to ensure the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) according to official guidelines, and to defer in-person inspections not immediately necessary for public health or safety when a person who resides in a residential unit has symptoms of COVID-19 or is otherwise ill.

- c. Interior inspections of occupied residential units for code enforcement, water services, sewer maintenance and lead remediation projects will remain suspended except in the case of an emergency health, safety or welfare concern and except for Building Inspections activities as provided for in accordance with the Governor's orders.

These service changes will continue based on current operating and staff rotation plans and may be amended to reflect current conditions.

Please work with your Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager or Director to resolve any questions or concerns.

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