



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## Community Development COVID-19 Response Actions

Due to the closure of City Hall through at least April 13, 2020 in response to COVID-19 and Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21 mandating suspension of non-essential activities and orders to stay at home, the Community Development Department is taking the following steps:

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The City's Building Department is reviewing permits and inspecting only those projects authorized to start or continue under the Governor's Executive Order. **Permitting and inspecting of all non-essential construction is suspended until the Executive Order is lifted.**

The State has identified some limited forms of construction as permissible, including construction to maintain and improve telecommunications infrastructure and public health infrastructure (hospitals or other medical facilities to provide necessary care during the emergency). Construction workers may also undertake projects that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of a residence during the emergency and temporary security and weatherization measures to protect an occupied home or in-process project; **any non-emergency maintenance or improvements to residences is not permitted.**

Those essential projects meeting the requirements of the Executive Order can apply for necessary permits or inspections by contacting the Department via email at [comdev@sturgismi.gov](mailto:comdev@sturgismi.gov) or call 269-659-7230. A representative of the City will contact you with the requirements for the permit and if it will be issued. Permit forms can be found online at the following links:

For Commercial Building Permit Applications: <https://bit.ly/39gNnbw>  
For Residential Building Permit Applications: <https://bit.ly/2wpNkwQ>

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** The Community Development Department will conduct property maintenance inspections regarding the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences on a complaint basis during this time. Routine property maintenance inspections will be suspended until the Governor's Executive Order is lifted. Citizens can contact the Community Development Department with a property maintenance complaint via email at [comdev@sturgismi.gov](mailto:comdev@sturgismi.gov).

For all other Community Development Department Business, please email [comdev@sturgismi.gov](mailto:comdev@sturgismi.gov) or call 269-659-7230.