



March 27, 2020

Members of the building community,

On March 16 I signed a Declaration of Emergency in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. On March 24, the director of Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services signed Special Order 2020-03 which went into effect at 8 a.m. on March 25. The intent of the Special Order is to require social distancing to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I have determined that it is in the best interest to the health of the community to comply with the intent of the Special Order and to suspend the issuance of new building permits, both commercial and residential including new additions to existing buildings. Permits for alterations to existing buildings needed to maintain or improve the health and safety of existing buildings will still be issued.

During the time Special Order 2020-03 is in effect, only commercial and residential building projects which were started and approved prior to March 25 may continue. Those projects should continue to follow required inspection guidelines and inspectors, following social distancing protocol, will continue to inspect existing projects.

The City of Columbia Community Development Department will continue to accept and review both new commercial and residential permit submissions, however, they will not be issuing an invoice, accepting payment for a permit, or issuing a new permit for these types of permits until the order is rescinded, extended or expires on April 24.

Commercial and residential permit applications may be submitted via the processes outlined on CoMo.gov.

If you have questions regarding the process, please call the City of Columbia Building and Site Development office at 573.874.7474.

This decision was not made without considerable thought and consultation with the healthcare and business community. I want you to know I understand how this affects each of your businesses, you personally, your family and our community. I appreciate your understanding and support while we work through these unprecedented times together.

Sincerely,

John Glascock