

March 25, 2020

Mayor Tom Barrett  
City Hall  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

***Sent Via Email***

Dear Mayor Barrett,

Thank you for your continued leadership during this difficult time. NAIOP Wisconsin appreciates and supports your efforts to flatten the curve of this pandemic while working to preserve the viability of our great city's economic future.

To this end we ask for your swift leadership in restoring permitting and inspection services within the Department of Neighborhood Services.

The attached, prepared for NAIOP members, provides a clear road map for the City to follow the State Order and provide these essential services. We recommend to accomplish this, the City Order be modified as follows:

- Include language that mirrors Governor Evers' provision regarding Essential Infrastructure (Section 10, State of Wisconsin Safer At Home Order).
- Include specific reference to building inspectors, as in the State Order, in Essential Government Functions (Section 11 in City Order, Section 12 in State Order).

Mayor Barrett, we do not make this request lightly and we understand that continued operations may come with some delay and changes in processes to protect the health and welfare of both City of Milwaukee employees and professionals on construction sites.

In the interest of public safety, I cannot stress enough the importance of reopening the construction permitting and inspection functions of the Department of Neighborhood Services.

NAIOP Wisconsin and our members stand ready to assist you and your administration to quickly resolve this critical matter. Thank you for your consideration and decisive action to lead Milwaukee forward.

Thank you,

James Villa, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer