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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

April 17, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Due to the public health emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) the City of Boston will be implementing new protocols for essential construction work in the City of Boston. All essential construction sites must now submit a COVID-19 Safety Plan and a COVID-19 Safety Affidavit. These policies go into effect on April 27th for all essential construction. This policy will expand to include all sites when it is deemed safe to restart construction in the City of Boston. Nothing in these new protocols changes what construction is currently allowable.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

This document will detail the job site practices that the contractor will follow to protect worker safety. Every contractor will be required to provide the City with this document when applying for a permit. If a job is already permitted, contractors must provide this document by April 27 or before work starts.

There are six key elements the City will be looking for in each plan: 1.) steps taken before shifts start to ensure workers are healthy; 2.) practices to ensure social distancing that can be achieved on the job site; 3.) materials provided to ensure job site hygiene; 4.) protocols for the use of personal protective equipment; 5.) communications and training practices to ensure everyone is informed; and 6.) procedures in case there is COVID-19 exposure on the job site.

To help with this, the City has provided a Safety Plan Worksheet for guidance.

COVID-19 Safety Affidavit

This affidavit attests that the contractor has created, provided to the City, and will implement its COVID-19 Safety Plan. It follows the same requirements as the Safety Plan. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in approval to work being revoked.

Questions about the updated policies are due by April 22, and can be submitted by email to construction@boston.gov.

Thank you for your partnership during this time. Additional information on Mayor Walsh's original order can be found at www.boston.gov. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the respective regulatory agencies. For building-related inquiries, please feel free to contact the Inspectional Services Department at 617.635.5300, for street-related work, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works at 617.635.4900.

Sincerely,

Patrick I. Brophy
Chief of Operations