



March 20, 2020

Re: Precautionary Protocols for Building and Grading Inspections

In an effort to protect public health amidst the rapidly evolving Covid-19 epidemic and consistent with the Governor's March 19 Executive Order N-33-20, the City of Irvine is taking additional safety precautions for Building and Grading inspections. Effective Monday March 23, 2020, the following precautions will be in effect.

- Inspections of exterior facilities and unoccupied, unconditioned interior spaces: This includes both residential and commercial construction. In-person inspections can continue with strictly-enforced precautionary measures in place as follows;
 - No face to face contact between inspectors and site personnel. All communication will take place via email, text, or telephone only.
 - All areas that are subject to inspection must be completely unoccupied and empty. There shall be no personnel in the area including any personnel from builder, contractor, or trades.
 - Prior to inspector arrival, building plans for the area subject to inspection must be placed on a flat, cleaned surface within or adjacent to the area of inspection.
- Inspections of interior, occupied, or conditioned spaces: In-person inspections will be suspended for both residential and commercial properties. To the extent possible, inspectors will conduct inspections of these spaces virtually through use of video applications, such as FaceTime, Skype, or WhatsApp. Virtual inspections will be coordinated as necessary by inspectors at the time of appointment.
- General Safety Precautions: Builders, contractors, and all personnel working on job sites subject to inspection must abide by Covid-19 precautions as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Sincerely,

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