

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS**

**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ADDRESSING EXPIRATION OF ACTIVE
CONSTRUCTION PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVID-19
EMERGENCY**

On March 22, 2020, as part of a series of emergency declarations and orders, the Mayor and Health Commissioner issued an Emergency Order Temporarily Prohibiting Operation of Non-essential Businesses to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 (“Emergency Order”), which was approved as a regulation of the Board of Health on March 26, 2020 (effective March 27, 2020).

The Philadelphia Department of Licenses & Inspections (“Department”) recognizes that the COVID-19 Pandemic is unprecedented. The City’s top priority is maintaining public health and the safety of all Philadelphians and those who work and invest in the City; by taking proactive steps now we can help mitigate community spread.

Consistent with the Emergency Order and the City’s general plan of operations during the emergency, physical operations of certain construction in the City have been suspended or delayed. Pursuant to § A-302.2 of the Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code, construction permits issued by the Department become invalid if the authorized work is not commenced within six months after issuance of the permit, or if the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time of commencing the work. Therefore, the following emergency measures are required:

1. “Affected Period.” Means March 16, 2020 through to the lifting of the Mayor’s Emergency Order.

2. "Affected Construction Permits." Means any construction permit issued by the Department which is active during the Affected Period.

3. The time for commencing or suspending work for all Affected Construction Permits shall be extended for six months from the current date the permit would expire.

4. An additional six-month extension may be requested under A-302.2 upon the expiration of the extended period to commence or suspend work.

5. The expiration dates of Fire Code, Make Safe, and Rough-In permits shall not be modified by this regulation.

6. Based on the Mayor's March 11, 2020, Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstance that allows regulations related to addressing the pandemic to become effective immediately upon transmission to the Department of Records, this emergency regulation shall be effective immediately.

**The City of Philadelphia, by and through its
Department of Licenses & Inspections**

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Date Signed: May 6, 2020