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## CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING AND INSPECTION RESUMES IN LINE WITH GOVERNOR'S LATEST EXECUTIVE ORDER

STURGIS – In alignment with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-70 released last Friday, the City of Sturgis Community Development Department will resume issuance of building permits and inspections for all construction projects effective immediately. As per the Executive Order, construction work in the State of Michigan, under specific guidelines, can resume May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Building Permit applications submitted prior to or during the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Orders will be processed and City staff will contact individuals as necessary. In addition, inspection of all construction projects that could not otherwise proceed under previous executive orders can now resume.

While City Hall remains closed to the public as part of the Governor's Executive Order and social distancing guidelines, property owners wishing to apply for a building permit can do so by:

- Obtaining information online at <u>sturgismi.gov/comdev</u> and submitting it via mail (130 N. Nottawa, Sturgis MI, 49091), email (<u>comdev@sturgismi.gov</u>), or at the City Hall Dropoff Box (located at the drive between City Hall and Police/Fire);
- Calling the Community Development Department at 269-659-7230; or

• Emailing the Community Development Department at <u>comdev@sturgismi.gov</u>.

To schedule inspections for in-process or completed construction projects or for assistance during the building permit application process, residents, builders or developers should contact the Community Development Department via email or phone; City Hall remains closed to the public until at least May 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff will work with those contacting the Department to schedule inspections or answer questions they may have and get the necessary information to complete a permit.

For more information regarding the coronavirus and the Governor's Executive Order 2020-70 allowing construction to resume, please visit <u>michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>.

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