

ALLOWED CONSTRUCTION WORK

The City will still allow work that is essential to the safety and well-being of our residents at this time - particularly work related to this public health crisis.

That essential work includes:

emergency utility, road or building work, such as gas leaks, water leaks and sinkholes

new utility connections to occupied buildings

mandated building or utility work

work at public health facilities, healthcare facilities, shelters, including temporary shelters and other facilities that support vulnerable populations

emergency work necessary to render occupied residential buildings safe and healthy

work immediately necessary related to life safety systems

work which ensures the reliability of the transportation network

small residential construction projects in dwellings of 3 units or less (for example, kitchen or bathroom remodeling), and

other work necessary to render occupied residential buildings fully habitable.

In addition to the list of essential construction projects, the City will, on a case-by-case basis, review requests for exemptions to the temporary construction moratorium. These may be granted by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services (ISDCommissioner@boston.gov) for building-related work or the Commissioner of Public Works for street-related work. These will be granted if they support increased public health and safety and precautions are taken to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 among workers.

This policy is effective as of March 17 and will be reviewed at regular intervals. New projects cannot be started at this time, unless they meet the criteria for essential work outlined above. Any currently permitted and active construction project must be in a secure situation by Monday, March 23. This policy only applies to projects permitted by the City of Boston.

SAFETY POLICIES

For the health and safety of workers, their families, and our communities, all permitted construction will be required to adhere to COVID-19 best practices during this public health emergency.

To implement this policy, permitted construction work will be required to sign a COVID-19 Safety Affidavit and provide the City with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.