



Member Update - City of Madison - Permits

MABA received word from multiple members that due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order that the City of Madison was either limiting or eliminating the issuance of new building permits.

In speaking with the department, permits are still being provided for new home builds; however, permits will be limited when dealing with existing home (remodels). This decision was based upon guidance from public health and the Stay-At-Home Order to avoid existing homes for optional or aesthetic projects.

The Department will still be reviewing all permit applications, but will be rejecting those they deem to be optional or purely for aesthetics purposes. They will still approve projects that are needed for safety and habitability sake. This applies to both interior and exterior jobs.

There is not timeline on when this decision will be lifted, but will likely coincide with the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order. The Order is scheduled to expire on April 24th, currently.

If you are wondering whether a project will be approved at this time, it is suggested that you still apply for the permit and indicate how this project is a repair that is for safety, sanitation, or required for habitability of the property. The City of Madison is also happy to discuss your project with you, if you have questions.

If new information is provided, we will update members on this change that is currently in effect.

Best wishes,

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