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**To:** All Developers, Contractors and Project Owners

**From:** Michael Yanovitch, Building Commissioner

We all know the situation with COVID-19 is fluid and changes day to day, hour to hour. We all need to be a flexible to accommodate the changing conditions while still being able to provide essential services. Our primary focus is the health and safety of our community.

As of March 17, 2020 and continuing through at least March 27, we are ordering all major construction operations in the Town of Walpole to cease temporarily. Jobsite crews shall limited to ten for safety and housekeeping only. I have been asked about exterior work exceeding ten, and my response is; the entire site shall maintain no more than 10 employees/personnel. All employees filter through the building and congregate at some point and we want to reduce the possibility.

Inspection policy has also changed. As of Monday March 16, Town Hall was closed to the public. Effective Monday March 16 and continuing until further notice, the following will be The Town of Walpole Building Department policy on jobsite inspections.

1. Building Department inspectors (Building, Plumbing/Gas and Electric) will only be conducting exterior type inspections
2. Interior inspection will be conducted in vacant structures or buildings with limited contact with jobsite personnel
3. Alternative inspection methods such as video or photographs will be at the discretion of the inspector

We fully understand the inconvenience and none of these decisions are made without the thought of the effects. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions please contact me directly. My office phone will be forwarded directly to my cell.



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