



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Code and Section Reference:

- KCC 2.30.010
- KCC 2.30.040
- KCC 12.01.185
- KCC 13.01.030
- KCC 14.01.030

Intent: To resolve difficulties created by the State of Washington Stay at Home Order and restrictions on most types of construction activity by granting automatic extensions on all permit and land use applications valid as of January 1, 2020.

Background: As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency on February 29, 2020 through Proclamation 20-05. Soon after, Mayor Dana Ralph similarly declared a state of emergency on March 6, 2020. The orders resulting from these declarations have significantly impacted construction projects in the City of Kent, and have resulted in a near total shutdown of commercial and residential construction.

The Governor has ordered Washingtonians to stay home, and has allowed only certain essential construction activities to proceed during the duration of the order. The construction supply chain has been affected by the availability of construction workers and materials, and social distancing requirements under the Governor's order have resulted in fewer workers being on job sites.

The impacts of COVID-19 have resulted in substantial delay to this point and will continue to have lasting effects even after construction activities are permitted to begin again following the lessening of the restrictions in the Governor's order.

Validity: In light of these rare and unique circumstances surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19, and in recognition that significant delays in all construction progress

is due to circumstances entirely beyond the control of all permit and land use approval applicants, pursuant to my authority in KCC 2.30.010, .040, and 12.01.185, 13.01.030, and 14.01.030, I am granting a universal one hundred eighty (180) day extension on the period of validity for all permit and land use applications, issued permits, and land use approvals, including those under chapters 13.01 and 14.01 KCC, that were valid as of January 1, 2020.