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Governor EO Addendum

On Friday, April 24, the Governor adopted the construction stakeholder group proposal and issued an [addendum](#) to his initial [Proclamation 20-25](#). Only [certain activities](#) including low risk construction projects per the [Proclamation 20-25 Addendum](#) (Phase 1) are allowed until May 4, 2020.

Guidelines, requirements and templates for compliance are available at <http://biaofclarkcounty.org/phase1>

You must have all PPE and protocols in place before returning to work. Not part, just notices, just PPE, ALL!

We already have reports of builders and subs on site without following proper protocol including required PPE equipment. Not only does that put you at risk, you are jeopardizing the whole industry.

Governor Inslee was clear; If we are unable to abide by the terms of the agreed upon protocols, the industry could be shut down again. The governor also reiterated the escalation of enforcement.

*Warning
Fines and removal from site
Rescinding of permits
Legal enforcement including a gross misdemeanor charge (up to a year in jail and \$5,000 fine)
Referral to the attorney general for further action*

In addition, local jurisdictions are not prohibited from passing emergency orders more restrictive than the governor's proclamation if they feel our industry is not abiding by the requirements.

For real world examples of these safety standards in place, watch 46:00 to 1 hour and 15 mins of BIAW's Town Hall. [WATCH HERE](#)

You can find the BIAW webinars and all other Covid related information on the [Covid-19 section](#) of the BIA website.

What About PPE?

Mallory Safety & Supply presented PPE solutions for builders based on the Phase 1 requirements and will continue to work with BIA and individual builders to [provide safety equipment solutions](#).

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BIAW recently created a [PPE resource page](#) as well.

Local Jurisdiction Update

[Battle Ground](#)

City of Battle Ground affidavits are no longer required.

As long as the subdivision you are has already undergone permitted grading construction, then single family home building can resume as soon as a permit is issued and state required COVID-19 documentation is posted on site.

All contractors are required to post at each job site written notice to employees, subcontractors and government officials the Phase 1 work that will be performed at that job site and signed commitment to adhere to the requirements listed in this document. Without this signed notice posted, no inspections will be performed by the City of Battle Ground.

The Community Development Department is temporarily closed to the general public, however staff will still be processing planning and building applications.

[Camas](#)

Effective Immediately- all low risk construction may proceed. All work shall be conducted in accordance with **Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements**.

Before work on the projects can resume, all contractors must develop and post a plan at each site that addresses use of the personal protective equipment like masks and gloves, on-site social distancing and sanitation. In addition, a site-specific supervisor will be designated to enforce the safety plan to monitor the health of employees, and employees will undergo training on the new policies.

Inspections started yesterday.

[Ridgefield](#)

The specific requirements for work authorized by the Governor – and by extension the City of Ridgefield – are contained within this Order as **Appendix B**. Please read the Appendix carefully and assure your contractors also know/follow the rules, as compliance with these safety requirements will go a long way to determine whether this limited restart moves to Phase 2 (allowing more work) or reverts to more restrictive rules.

For the purposes of the City's Order, "existing construction projects" are defined as any project which has at least conducted initial site work, clearing, grading and excavating, prior to March 26, 2020 (the date of the first City Building and Construction Order). Projects meeting this definition may proceed with site work, building construction, permit submittals/drop-offs/pickups, and inspections, subject to the rules and operational controls set forth in **Appendix A** of this Order.

Projects which do not meet the definition set out in the Phase 1 Construction Restart are not allowed to conduct site or building construction work but are allowed to move forward with permit submittals/drop-offs/pickups as set forth in **Appendix A** of this Order.

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Governor EO

Phase 1 Restart [Letter](#) & [Proposal](#)

On Monday April 13, the construction stakeholder sent the Phase 1 letter and proposal to the governor for his consideration. The group had hoped to get a response by Friday, April 17, but did not. Although we hope the governor will still adopt the proposal ASAP, BIAW has chosen to start a public campaign to support our efforts to go back to work. Please take a moment to review and sign the Safety Pledge letter to the governor and encourage your subs and employees to as well.

What About PPE?

Mallory Safety & Supply presented PPE solutions for builders based on the Phase 1 proposal and will continue to work with BIA and individual builders as safety equipment needs are solidified by the governor's office and the building industry. When work safety requirements are adopted by the governor BIAW will create guidance documents and templates for distribution.

To discuss your individual company or projects needs please contact:

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Local Jurisdiction Update

Vancouver is allowing construction on a project by project basis. A form justifying how the project complies with the governor's EO is required. Contact the Com Dev department for form 360-487-7800.

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Allowable Construction by Jurisdiction

[Clark County](#)

For single-family and multi-family residential development and building projects, final inspection to complete the real estate transaction and construction work as necessary to prevent spoliation and avoid damage of previously erected structures is recognized.

All construction on existing residential structures (remodel, addition, site work, accessory structure, etc.) as is necessary for “emergency repairs and projects that ensure structural integrity” or on previously framed structures as described above will be inspected.

[City of Battle Ground](#)

Battle Ground allows construction to prevent spoliation and completion of pre-sold partially erected homes if the buyer is an “essential worker.” An affidavit is required to be completed for pre-sold and partially erected homes. Prior approval is needed before any construction can resume.

[City of Camas](#)

Camas only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the governor’s Executive Order.

We are working with the city to develop a solution. Please encourage your customers (not you or subcontractors) to send a letter to the Mayor and City Council supporting our efforts. Download [letter format](#) and [talking points](#).

[City of La Center](#)

La Center allows construction to prevent spoliation and completion of pre-sold partially erected homes. An affidavit is required to be completed for pre-sold and partially erected homes. Prior approval is needed before construction can resume. Contact Community Development (360-263-7666) for forms.

[City of Ridgefield](#)

Ridgefield allows construction to prevent spoliation and completion of pre-sold or partially erected homes if the buyer is an “essential worker.” Your project must comply with the [April 17 order](#) and receive approval before construction may continue.

[City of Vancouver](#)

Vancouver only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the governor’s Executive Order. However, some construction may be approved on a project by project basis.

Permit services: Land use, building and permit applications are available online or by phone 360-487-7800.

[City of Washougal](#)

Washougal only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the governor’s Executive Order. Inspections will be restricted to unoccupied structures. Buildings and structures must

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be completely vacant prior to inspections taking place. Skype, or other similar electronic media inspections may be utilized based on need and type of inspection.

Applications and plan submittals in compliance with the Governor's proclamation will be accepted by appointment only.

[City of Yacolt](#)

No information

Utilities

[NW Natural Green Tags](#)

NW Natural relies on a Green Tag placed by the building inspector/official to provide a visual indication for the approval of gas piping in a residential project. Since site visits are not happening in some jurisdictions NW Natural has created a Virtual Green Tag program.

[Clark Public Utilities](#)

Following normal procedures while adhering to "social distancing" protocol. If the project is accepted for inspection by a jurisdiction CPU will request an explanation of the project and how it complies with the governor's order and proceed.

Questions? Contact the building construction department at 360.992.8558

Energy Code Implementation delayed

Gov. Inslee announced a delay in implementing the new state building codes from July 1 to Nov. 1. BIA, BIAW and the Washington Association of Building Officials, asked the governor for the delay to ensure builders and officials could be adequately trained on the new codes prior to their implementation. This delay is crucial for our members to be fully educated on the changes in the codes and to allow for the materials to be available locally before the building codes are implemented.

BIAW Job Site Safety

[BIAW 10-Point Plan for Building a Safer Jobsite Poster](#)

[BIAW Residential Construction Covid-19 Job Site Requirements Proposal](#)

BIAW Town Hall Webinars

[COVID-19 Resources for Employers and Employees](#)

[COVID-19 & Stay-at-Home Order: Ask A Lawyer](#)

CARES Act Stimulus Package and Washington Unemployment Update for Businesses

[CARES Act, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, & Unemployment Overview](#)

[CARES Act, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, & Unemployment FAQ](#)

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