



TOWN OF WAREHAM

MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
54 MARION ROAD
WAREHAM, MA 02571

March 30, 2020

INSPECTIONS DURING COVID-19

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Wareham's Town Hall is closed to the public. The Inspections Department will be available to the public through US Postal Service, telephone, email and our online permitting system. The Inspections Department will return phone calls and emails throughout the day. All permits can be obtained through our on-line permitting system, this system allows concurrent reviews with other departments, the payment of fees, permit issuance, and requests for inspections all without having to visit Town Hall.

To help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Wareham Inspections Department will perform inspections as follows:

- We will continue to perform inspections on exterior work and unoccupied buildings.
- We will conduct inspections of occupied buildings on an emergency, case by case basis. During an inspection, we will adhere to the recommended "social distancing practices"; i.e. the inspector will not walk through the house to get to a basement inspection, we would ask that you provide a clear rear ingress/egress. For the protection of the occupants and our Inspectors, Inspectors are expected to use gloves and face masks.

During this State of Emergency only, it will be at the discretion of the Inspector to accept digital photographs/videos to ensure compliance with the code. Please continue to contact the Inspector as usual and they will confirm with you as whether they will be performing a site visit and or accepting photos/videos. **DO NOT JUST SUBMIT PHOTOS/VIDEOS AND ASSUME IT IS APPROVED.** You must obtain a digital signature to show the work has been approved prior to moving forward.

As for plan reviews, we have the ability to host and participate in on-line conference calls, both with and without screen sharing. We will share instructions for doing this with participants when a call or online meeting is scheduled.

Please note that these policies are subject to change without notice as this State of Emergency continues. We will make every effort to continue to serve and assist you as best we safely are able to.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult and stressful time.

Derek D. Sullivan
Town Administrator