

Amendments to Ontario's Building Code Related to Building Permits and Inspections

On May 11, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing filed Ontario Regulation 209/20, which made amendments to Ontario's Building Code related to the delivery of building code services, such as reviewing building permit applications and conducting inspections.

The amendment requires that municipal building officials continue to review permit applications and conduct construction inspections by providing that the time periods in the Building Code remain in effect for all construction projects, even when the municipal offices are closed because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The amendment also establishes that conditional permits can be issued for non-essential construction during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The amendment will remain in effect for as long as municipal building department offices are closed to the public for in-person services due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The regulation is available here: www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20209