



## BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION



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# Covid-19 Impact on the BSC

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# Objectives

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- ❑ Discuss the formal boards and commissions meeting changes due to COVID-19.
- ❑ Inform the Commission about field inspection impact and opportunities moving forward.
- ❑ Update the Commission on permitting and planning review services during COVID-19.



## Meeting Changes due to COVID-19

- Since March 16, 2020, the City has been allowed to operate through the Governor's disaster declaration for Texas, temporarily suspending certain meeting requirements in the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Governor most recently renewed the declaration on July 10, 2020.
- Mayor Adler also ordered a local disaster declaration for B&C meeting processes, 2-1-6 (E).



## What this means for the Boards and Commissions (subject to change):

- The Governor's declaration and Mayor's order allows for videoconference meetings in order to maintain social distancing and encourage safe stay home practices.
- The process for public comment has been modified for remote meetings requiring registration, in advance, to address agenda items.

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## Field Inspection Impact & Opportunities Moving Forward

- Emergency order violation (COVID) cases became major focus.
  - ❖ Response teams created
  - ❖ Influx of covid-19 complaints
- Interior inspections have been limited to imminent situations only.
  - ❖ Possible reduction of BSC cases.
- Opportunity moving forward.
  - ❖ Virtual inspection process



## Permitting & Planning Review Services

- All commercial/residential regular & in-person services are still offered but are now virtual and online

- ❖ Permit applications
- ❖ Plan reviews
- ❖ Expedited Permits
- ❖ Quick Turnaround Times
- ❖ One Hour Paid Consultation for Plan Reviews

- Website has been updated to provide this information

# *Questions?*

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