

RESOLUTION 2020 - 16

A RESOLUTION TO ALTER CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY'S PROCEDURES DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the governor issued "Directive Implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 providing measures for the operation of local government" on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Directive provides local governments with additional flexibility under state law to modify operations and hold in abeyance certain statutory deadlines during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide a safe and healthy work environment for its employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to continue to provide the highest level of customer service practicable in light of following the Governor's Directive; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that certain efficiencies in process may be reduced when working remotely; and

WHEREAS, the practice of appropriate "social distancing" dictates a reduction in close quarters contact with one another members of staff and the public normally common in an office setting.

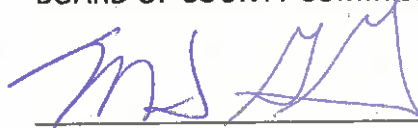
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners:

1. That the Community Development and Planning Department will no longer be open to the public at the City-County office building and instead will be operable via email at planning@lccountymt.gov, by telephone at 406.447.8374, and by other electronic platforms as necessary and available from time to time; and
2. That the Planning Department will immediately toll and hold in abeyance in accordance with the Governor's Directive on Local Government Operation all statutory deadlines, as set forth in MCA Title 7 – Local Government, Chapter 2, Part 43-48, Chapter 5, Parts 1 and 42, Chapter 5, Part 2123(2), Chapter 15, Parts 42-43, Chapter 21, Part 10, Title 76 – Land Resources and Use, Chapters 1-8 Local Government actions relating to ARM 17.36 Subdivision/On-Site Wastewater Treatment (Chapters 1,3,6,8,9), as such may apply to all projects which the department is responsible for processing. Deadlines already running when the statewide state of emergency was declared on March 12, 2020, are tolled as of March 12, 2020, and deadlines that began running after that date are tolled on the date they began; and



PASSED AND APPROVED by the Lewis and Clark County Board of County Commissioners on this 14th day of April, 2020.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair

Attest:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk to the Board