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A City of Johannesburg Press Statement by
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Development Planning implement interim measures amid Covid-19 Lockdown

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The Department of Development Planning, in its role to support essential services, has initiated measures to implement a number of services during the current COVID-19 National Lockdown Level 4.

This follows the announcement by the members of the National Command Council on 30 April 2020, wherein the resumption of various public works, civil engineering and construction works under Level 4 was permitted.

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly changed the way we live our lives and the way we do business. The Department understands the necessity of its services and will make the following available:

Land Use Development Management

1. Land Use and Legal Admin applications

As of **Monday, 18 May 2020**, the Department will accept applications electronically on:

Land Use Applications – landuseapplications@joburg.org.za

Legal Admin Applications – legaladminapplications@joburg.org.za

Once the applications are assessed, an invoice will be issued to applicants, with details for an EFT payment. Applications are only registered once proof of payment is received.

2. Processing of applications

Applications that are currently in the system and are complete; i.e. do not require outstanding comments from MoE's, State Departments and no public participation, will be processed and concluded.

3. Advertising of applications

All applications that require advertising for public participation will be pended and will only be advertised once lockdown levels allow for general public participation on planning matters.

4. Submission of objections

Objections to applications continue to be submitted to ObjectionsPlanning@joburg.org.za, but however needs to be read alongside par 3 above. Applications advertised during the lockdown and that those that close under the lockdown will be extended by 28 once the lockdown is lift.

5. Enquiries and follow-ups on applications

These will be limited via mail or telephone to the contacts listed below. Additional supporting documents for Land Use Applications and Legal Administration will be done via email.

6. General communication with applicants

Also via email or telephone to the provided contacts below.

CONTACTS

Directorate / Unit	Name	Designation	Contact No.	Email Address	Region / Planning Areas
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Building Development Management

The Building Development Management Directorate is only considering public works developments and emergency applications in line with COVID-19 interventions at Level 4. Public works developments include hospitals, clinics, etc. Emergency applications will be for all COVID-19 related works, including temporal structures and purpose made alterations. The approach will in two phases:

1. The Department has been processing emergency applications since the national lockdown was initiated, and will continue prioritising emergency applications. These are processed via the office of the Building Control Officer (BCO). Applicants are required to submit critical documents, i.e. Structural Engineers Certificate, Fire Certificate, Plumbing Certificate, and Glazing Certificate.

Photographic evidence is also required. Once all requirements are met, the BCO will grant authority for construction to continue with the provision that building plans are submitted later. Our Building Inspectors have been on standby, while working from home, during the national lockdown to respond to emergency issues. They have also been going on site to conduct basic inspections prior to the issuance of any temporal occupation certificate.

2. The Directorate is finalising the opening of the Metrolink, to allow for the submission of public works developments and emergency applications. This will be conducted under strict COVID-19 regulations.

Members of the public are urged to note that there is limited construction permitted under Level 4 and correct procedures are meant to be followed. There will be adjustments to the procedures and types of building plans accepted during all lockdown levels, alongside the limited staff, who are being phased in, in thirds.

Member of the Mayoral Committee for Development Planning, Cllr Lawrence Khoza, said the Department was committed to providing its support towards the fight against COVID-19 where it is required.

“This pandemic has left us to adjust to a new world; and that does not happen overnight. The Department is continuously considering various options on how it can continue to provide its stakeholders with efficient services.

“We thank members of the public and industry for their patience as we try to get used to our new normal, and strive to work towards making business easy for everyone,” said MMC Khoza.

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