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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CLOSES TO THE PUBLIC - UPDATE

Ephrata – The Grant County Development Services office will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Staffing during this period will fluctuate with several staff telecommuting. Fire investigation response will remain extremely limited for the foreseeable future.

During this unique time period, we will only accept new building, fire, and land use applications by U.S. mail, FedEx, or UPS (or other similar courier services). Issued permits will be mailed to the permit applicant.

Application fees and deposits **do not** need to accompany building and fire permit application *submittals* at this time, however, no permits will be *issued* until the full permit fee has been paid. All land use application fees *must* accompany the submittal. Credit cards will be accepted over the phone for payment during this office closure period.

2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications are still due on March 31, 2020. Applications can be submitted via FedEx or UPS on that day, if applications are mailed, they must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2020 and are received in our office no later than the close of business on April 3, 2020.

Building permit inspections will continue with a goal of next-day service. However, all inspections for owner or tenant occupied structures are suspended through the duration of this closure. It is imperative that there be no contact with inspectors at the site, and there will be no on-site consultations during this time.

Land use applications that have a pending hearing date in April are anticipated to continue as scheduled. Strict social distancing requirements are being applied to the hearing room, any steps you can take to limit your applicant team would be greatly appreciated. Any land use application that requires a public hearing, for which one has not yet been scheduled, may be delayed.

For all of your building and fire permitting questions please contact (509) 754-2011, extension 3001. For all of your land use and planning questions, please contact (509) 754-2011, extension 2537. We appreciate your patience in this unprecedented time, and we will make every effort possible to continue permit services based on available staff.
End of Notice