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DATE: March 26, 2020
TO: Newspaper/Radio media
FROM: Ethan Meddaugh, Village of Plover Building Inspector
RE: Village of Plover Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Changes

Effective immediately, the Village of Plover is adjusting all Building Inspection and Code Enforcement site inspections in an effort to further reduce the impact of COVID-19 within our community and to protect our inspection staff. New site inspection requirements are as follows:

The public is highly encouraged to take photos and videos and email them to the proper inspector to reduce the number of field inspections at this time. The inspector will determine if the pictures or videos are sufficient and yields the necessary information to provide approval and a code compliant inspection.

Those requesting a building permit are required to submit all necessary information and plans electronically to one of our Inspectors. Permit applications must be submitted through our online permitting system, InspectWiz. A link to the InspectWiz program can be found on the Village of Plover Website. www.ploverwi.gov. **Our office is temporarily closed to the public for walk-in questions due to COVID-19 concerns. If you need to pick up and/or pay for a permit, please call for an appointment so that we have your documents ready.**

All in-home residential inspections will still be required to call a Building Inspector to schedule an inspection. Administrative staff will ask if any members of the household have the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue, nausea, and/or vomiting. Administrative staff will also ask if any member of the household has any serious underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, etc. or if there are any immune system situations that may put a household member at a higher-risk of infection of COVID-19. If so, staff will schedule an inspection 8 to 12 weeks from the date of request. Staff retains the flexibility to adjust those inspections as deemed appropriate by the Village of Plover Fire Chief and Village Administrator.

Those who request an inspection and do not have any resident of the home subject to the limitations above will be added to the inspection schedule per normal operating procedures. Staff asks that only one person be on site during the inspection, if possible, to reduce the possibility of exposure for the Building Inspector. The Inspectors will operate according to DHS Guidelines. Staff retains the flexibility to adjust these inspections as deemed appropriate by the Village of Plover Fire Chief and Village Administrator.

All exterior residential inspections will still be required to call in to schedule an inspection. Exterior residential inspections will continue per normal operating procedures. Staff retains the flexibility to adjust inspections as deemed appropriate by the Village of Plover Fire Chief and Village Administrator.

In-person inspections of critical structures (Commercial Structures) such as healthcare facilities and complex projects with high risk factors are still highly encouraged. If an in-person inspection is necessary and cannot be rescheduled, inspectors will operate according to DHS guidelines and will coordinate with building contractors and facility management to minimize risks during inspection. Staff asks that only one person accompanies the Inspector during the inspection process to reduce the possibility of exposure for the Building Inspector.

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