

TOWN OF BROOKLINE

Temporary Guidance for a Voluntary Moratorium on Construction Projects in the Town of Brookline

March 18, 2020

Effective March 18, 2020, the Town of Brookline is requesting all contractors and developers who are engaged in construction projects in the Town of Brookline to undertake a voluntary temporary moratorium on all ongoing, non-essential construction projects.

This action is being taken in an effort to stem the current public health crisis related to COVID-19 and to support the health and well-being of private and public employees and the public and to avoid the need for an Order.

Work that is essential to the safety and well-being of residents at this time - particularly work related to this public health crisis – is not subject to this request. Such essential work includes:

- Emergency utility, road or building work, such as gas leaks, water leaks and sinkholes;
- New utility connections to occupied buildings;
- Mandated building or utility work;
- Work at public health facilities, healthcare facilities, shelters, including temporary shelters and other facilities that support vulnerable populations;
- Work which ensures the reliability of the transportation network;
- Emergency work necessary to render occupied residential buildings safe and healthy; and
- Work immediately necessary related to life safety systems.

In furtherance of this requested voluntary temporary moratorium, any contractors or developer who undertakes the voluntary moratorium shall leave the site safe and secured. This request only applies to construction projects permitted by the Town of Brookline.