



CITY MANAGER PROCLAMATION AND EXECUTIVE ORDER

TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF REMOTE AND VIRTUAL INSPECTIONS FOR THE INSPECTION OF CERTAIN OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

APRIL 10, 2020

Pursuant to the authority of Upper Arlington Codified Ordinances Section 131.10, I, Steven R. Schoeny, City Manager for the City of Upper Arlington, Ohio hereby issue this Proclamation and Order, effective April 13, 2020, authorizing the Chief Building Official and City inspectors, including contract inspectors, to conduct inspections required by the Ohio Building Code, the Building Code of the City of Upper Arlington, the Residential Code of Ohio, or any other applicable code, of certain occupied residential structures by remote or virtual inspection process as approved and deemed necessary by the Chief Building Official. This Proclamation and Order grants to the Chief Building Official the discretion to permit inspections by remote or virtual inspection process for occupied residential structures only, and does not create any right to a remote or virtual inspection by any party or property owner. The Chief Building Official shall have the authority to approve or deny any request for a remote or virtual inspection based on factors including, but not limited to, the complexity of the inspection, the feasibility of a remote or virtual inspection for the particular project or structure to be inspected, the ability to conduct an in-person inspection while also complying with the Ohio Department of Health Orders regarding social distancing, and the health and safety of the inspector and all other persons. The Chief Building Official is directed to adopt written guidelines, as approved by the City Attorney, pertaining to approving the use of and conducting remote or virtual inspections. The owner of the property to be inspected remotely or virtually shall execute a hold harmless and indemnification agreement drafted by and in favor of the City prior to the City conducting any remote or virtual inspection.

This Proclamation and Order is issued in response to the real and present emergency caused by the continuing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the City, its citizens and employees, posed by the spread of the infectious virus COVID-19, commonly known as the Coronavirus, and is in accordance with the recommendation by the Ohio Board of Building Standards that local building departments conduct remote inspections to the extent possible in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This Proclamation and Order shall remain in effect until such time as the effective date of amendments by City Council to the City Ordinances to formally authorize remote and virtual inspections, or until further Order by the City Manager.

Steven R. Schoeny
City Manager

April 11, 2020

Date

