

COVID-19 - EMERGENCY TOLLING OF DEADLINES RELATED TO EXPIRATION OF PERMITS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Effective February 28, 2023, in accordance with the end of the State of California COVID-19 emergency declaration, the Public Order under the City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority issued on March 21, 2020 regarding the tolling of deadlines prescribed in the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) has expired. Thus, the Tolling Period will hereby be defined as March 21, 2020 through February 28, 2023.

For permit applications submitted and permits issued prior to the Mayor's Emergency Tolling Order, the LAMC expiration dates were paused during the COVID-19 emergency starting March 21, 2020. Any time remaining on the permit, plan check application or slight modification is banked and will be credited towards the project application expiration date. Any applications submitted during the Public Order will commence their validity term on March 1, 2023.

For example, a plan check that was submitted on December 21, 2019, would have 15 months left on the application as of March 21, 2020, since plan check applications are valid for 18 months. Therefore, the application will be valid for 15 months after March 1, 2023.

In addition, a permit issued on December 21, 2019, would have 9 months left to begin work (Residential projects) or 3 months left to begin work (Commercial projects) as of March 21, 2020, since permitted work must commence within 1 year for Residential projects and 6 months for Commercial projects. Therefore, the permits would still have 9 months or 3 months to commence construction after March 1, 2023. Those same permits would have 21 months to complete construction (or request an extension) since permits are valid for 2 years from the date of issuance.

The previous Public Order can be accessed below for reference:

[PUBLIC ORDER UNDER CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY AUTHORITY - TOLLING OF DEADLINES PRESCRIBED IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE \(MARCH 21, 2020\)](#)