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Open Permit/Work without permit policy **May 17, 2022**

All requests must be in writing: We strongly urge you to make this request several weeks prior to any closing date. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO OPEN WALLS, REMOVE HAZARDS.

Policy on Aged Permits:

Open permits beyond 180 days with no action (no work or inspections) will be considered **abandoned and invalid** per section 105 of 780 CMR, of the Massachusetts State Building Code. A Permit may be extended if requested in writing for an additional 180 days.

- It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that all inspections, as indicated on the building card, are inspected.
- If only partial inspections took place, a registered design professional **shall be** required to close out the incomplete inspections and supply an affidavit to the Building Department along with a \$50. Filing fee.

Remedies:

Building Permits:

Open permits missing only the Final building inspection can be scheduled to finalize permit only if all the following conditions are met:

- A copy of the building permit must be present.
- All other final inspections, such as electrical, plumbing, gas, fire (if applicable) have had their respective final inspection and are signed on the building permit card.
- If there are no code violations or corrections.
- If there are violations or corrections needed, a new permit will be required and the **project must meet current building, electrical, plumbing, gas and fire code regardless of when the original work was completed. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Work completed without a Building permit will require a registered design professional and a stamped affidavit along with a building permit and all required documents and fees, and licensed plumber and electrician as required with all associated Permits, documents and fees. Work performed without permits are subject to double permit fees.

Remedy for Open/work without permit for Electrical, Plumbing and Gas permits:

- **Open permits will be considered null and void after one year. A new permit must be applied for, with all required fees and documents, and an inspection scheduled. As stated above, the project will be required to meet all current codes regardless of when the original project was completed. No exceptions. PLEASE NOTE YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO OPEN UP WALLS FOR INSPECTIONS.**