

Community Development Department

The Okeechobee County Community Development Department will operate during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **but the lobby will be closed to the public.**

Building Permit Applications

Building permit applications and supplemental materials may be placed in a drop box outside the front door. The application materials will be retrieved by Department staff throughout the day and processed.

Please note that Florida State Statute requires that owner/builder permit applications must be submitted in person. If you are a property owner submitting an owner/builder permit application, please call 863-763-5548 to arrange a time to submit your application.

Contractors may also submit permit applications for mechanical, electric and roof permits electronically through e-TRAKiT (www.okeechobeetrakit.com)

Building permit applications and associated materials may also be submitted by US Mail, UPS or FedEx.

Inspections

The procedure to schedule inspections will not change. Contractors and owner/builders may schedule required inspections by phone at 863-763-5548 (please have the permit number ready). Contractors may also schedule inspections through e-TRAKiT (www.okeechobeetrakit.com).

Interior inspections for occupied or recently occupied residences will not be conducted at this time. Contractors scheduling inspections for interior electric and air conditioning work must call to discuss options with an inspector.

For your protection and the protection of the inspectors, we will practice social distancing and we will avoid handshakes and other contact.

Contractor Licensing

Materials to update and register contractor licenses may be submitted by the drop box, US Mail, UPS, FedEx or by email to contractorlicensing@co.okeechobee.fl.us

Planning and Zoning

Planning and zoning staff will be available by phone during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications for land use changes can be submitted in the drop box during regular office hours. Applications will be processed but public hearing dates have not yet been determined.

Applications for site plan review can be submitted in the drop box during regular office hours. Applications will be processed but Technical Review Committee meeting dates have not yet been determined.

Licensing Board, Code Enforcement Magistrate and Planning Board

All meetings of the Construction Industry Licensing Board, Code Enforcement Special Magistrate and Planning Board/Board of Adjustments and Appeals are canceled at least through April 30.