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Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 4:14 PM

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Dear Ben and Lorenzo,

I am in receipt of your email and the letter for extensions attached to it. Although it appears that the request had been submitted on May 27th, 2020, in my previous email to you dated January 27th, 2020, I had indicated to you that only one extension shall be provided for each permit. As I had already provided the extensions for permits BP 2017-156, 157, 158, 159, 161, 163, 164, 165, & 166 that were set to expire on May 28th, 2020 there were no further extensions available.

With regard to BP 2017-144, 155, 160, 162, 169, & 170, I had also stated that these were set to expire on May 11th, 2020. I further stated that failure to request extensions in a timely manner prior to the expiration dates would result in the loss of any option for an extension of these permits. I have again provided a copy of the referenced email at the bottom for your review.

We are unable to continue to provide any extensions on permitted work that does not seem to move forward. Only 2 extensions maximum are allowed by our ordinances as had been shared with you in an earlier email today.

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**Request for extensions on permits**

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Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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Lorenzo,

Last week you called and informed me that you had made an email request for extensions on the existing permits for Sunshine Gardens back on April 28th, 2020. I am not able to go back in my emails to April 28th, and search for the specific email that you had referenced as all of our older emails are deleted by our I.T. department after 2 months. You are therefore required to submit a copy of that correspondence to me for consideration although this is not an automatic approval without showing justifiable cause as to why these extensions are required. I have included the code section for this procedure below.

**Chapter 1****BUILDING AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE\*****8-1.105 Permits.**

- (i) **Validity of Permit.** The issuance or granting of a permit shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code or of any other ordinance of the City. Permits presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or other ordinances of the City shall not be valid. The issuance of a permit based on construction documents and other data shall not prevent the Building Official from requiring the correction of errors in the construction documents and other data. The Building Official is also authorized to prevent occupancy or use of a structure where in violation of this code or of any other ordinances of the City.
- (j) **Expiration.** Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days after the time the work is commenced. The Building Official is authorized to grant, in writing, up to two (2) extensions of time for action by the permittee for a period not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days each time upon payment of appropriate fees and a written request by the permittee showing that circumstances beyond the control of the permittee have prevented action from being taken.

If in fact a request was made, a follow-up contact should have been initiated by you or Ben a week later to ensure that I had received this email. It was way too important to assume that we were going to provide an automatic extension. As you can see above, I am limited to a maximum of 2 extensions per ordinance. We will need to get this cleared up before we can accept any new repair fixes from your Architect for the slab/foundation work.

Thanks,

Rob

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**Rob Allen**

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## FW: Follow Up - Permit Extension Request Letter

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**Lorenzo Jaso** <lorenzo@contractallied.com>

Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 1:33 PM

To: Rob Allen <rob.allen@cityofwatsonville.org>

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It turns out it was at the end of May not April, my apologies.

I am forwarding the original email with the Permit Extension Request Letter. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Lorenzo

Allied General Contractors, Inc.

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**From:** Lorenzo Jaso  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:38:00 PM  
**To:** Rob Allen <rob.allen@cityofwatsonville.org>  
**Cc:** Ben Atwood <ben@contractallied.com>; David Wang <wangrealtors@gmail.com>; Adam Ren <adamsunshinepacific@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Follow Up - Permit Extension Request Letter

Rob,

Per our conversation this morning, here is the signed letter requesting to extend the building permits.

Hope all is well

Best,

Lorenzo

Allied General Contractors, Inc.

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Signed Permit Extension Request Letter.pdf

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5/27/2020



# Allied General Contractors

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Dear Rob,

I am writing you to formally request that we be granted a 6 month extension on the building permits for permit numbers BP2017- 144, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170. I would like to request this extension due to the circumstances that the project is under. We are facing a difficult task in coordinating efforts to revive this project due to the current COVID-19 issue. We are also in the process of renewing our Excavating & Grading permit with public works as well as the development agreement. There are many things that need to be in order for this project to be revived but once it is we hope things will proceed and move as smoothly and transparently as possible.

Thanks,

DocuSigned by:  
*Ben Atwood*  
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## Starting Concrete Repairs at Sunshine Garden

Rob Allen &lt;rob.allen@cityofwatsonville.org&gt;

Mon, Jan 27, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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Dear Ben,

I am prepared to extend the building permits for another six (6) months from the date that they expired for those permits without any progressive inspection activities as shown following:

BP 2017-156 102 Rose Lane lot 18 expired 11/28/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on May 28th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-157 106 Rose Lane lot 19 expired 11/28/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on May 28th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-158 110 Rose Lane lot 20 expired 11/28/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on May 28th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-159 114 Rose Lane lot 21 expired 11/28/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on May 28th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-161 122 Rose Lane lot 23 expired 12/20/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on June 20th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-163 130 Rose Lane lot 25 expired 12/15/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on June 15th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-164 134 Rose Lane lot 26 expired 12/15/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on June 15th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-165 138 Rose Lane lot 27 expired 12/15/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on June 15th, 2020)  
 BP 2017-166 142 Rose Lane lot 28 expired 12/16/2019 (one time extension will be given for 6 months and will expire on June 16th, 2020)

All remaining lots BP 2017-144 through BP 2017-155, BP 2017-160, BP 2017-162, BP 2017-169 & BP 2017-170 are all set to expire around or close to 5/11/2020 (check with the permit technician for specific dates) and will require inspection approvals to extend them another 180 days or we will be right back where we are now, requesting extensions which may or may not be granted.

Please be aware that it is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that they are acting with valid building permits. Failure to maintain and keep permits active (valid for 6 months or 180 days maximum **without any approved inspection activity**) will result in these permits expiring and renewal fees being imposed for those permits. All requests for extensions must be made prior to each permit expiration date. Failure to request these extensions in a timely manner prior to the expiration dates will result in loss of any option for an extension of these permits. Only one extension shall be provided for each permit otherwise renewal fees shall apply. Please feel free to see me if you have any additional questions on this.

Thanks,

Rob Allen

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