

CLIENT UPDATE

GOVERNOR OVERRULES DISPARATE LOCAL RULES BANNING NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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This afternoon at 2:00 p.m., Texas Governor Greg Abbott held a [press conference](#) in which he announced a new Executive Order overruling disparate local rules banning numerous construction projects. We are working on a full analysis, but in the meantime, here are our top takeaways:

1. We believe the Governor's Order supersedes inconsistent city and county rules.
2. The door now appears open for many construction industry participants to begin, or resume, work on construction projects.
3. It now appears it may not be necessary to send submissions to the City of Austin for an exemption determination.

We will continue to evaluate these breaking developments and follow up with further word—but for the time being, the Governor's action appears to alleviate many of the issues that have arisen from confusing and contradictory local orders. Please stay tuned for more information to follow later today.

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*Note: This article was written on Monday, March 31, 2020, based on the most up-to-date information available at the time. During this unprecedented situation, policies and circumstances evolve rapidly. For our most recent analysis of COVID-19 and the construction industry, please visit [aapl原因.com/news](#). **This is not legal advice**; all decisions should be based on an analysis that is specific to the contracts and facts of any given project.*