

A code enforcement officer may order the immediate cessation of any construction or reconstruction work being done in violation of any ordinance or being done on property that is in violation of any ordinance. The stop work order shall be issued in conjunction with or in supplement to a citation for the violation. Work shall not resume until the violation has been remedied and any applicable fees and fines have been paid.

17. RESERVED

18. Administrative Search Warrant.

a. Definition.

i) An administrative search warrant is a written order of a judge or other officer authorized by statute to issue search warrants that commands the search or inspection of any property, place or thing, and the seizure, photographing, copying, or recording of property or physical conditions found. An administrative search warrant authorizes an officer to enter any premises to conduct any inspection, sampling, and other functions required or authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of an ordinance, code, or other regulation including, but not limited to, those relating to the use, condition, or occupancy of property or structures.

b. Who may apply for warrant.

(i) Whenever a law requires or authorizes an inspection or investigation of any place or thing, the administrative officer charged to enforce that law, acting in the course of his or her official duties, may apply for an administrative search warrant. For this purpose, administrative officer includes a building inspector, code enforcement officer, fire chief, their deputies, or other duly authorized representative, as the case may be.

ii) Before filing an application for an administrative search warrant, the administrative officer shall consult with legal counsel as to its legality in both form and substance.
Contents of application.

(i) The application shall:

(a) Be supported by an affidavit sufficient under Section 10 of the Kentucky Constitution and be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths as provided in the Kentucky Rules of Criminal Procedure or other applicable law;

(b) State the applicant's status in applying for the warrant, the ordinance or regulation requiring or authorizing the inspection or investigation, and the nature, scope and purpose of the inspection to be performed;

© Describe the property or places to be entered, searched, inspected or