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MyBuildingPermit.com Offers a New Level of Convenience *Member Jurisdictions Gain Efficiencies*

BELLEVUE – The eCityGov Alliance has added new online permitting services that will save permit applicants and member jurisdictions significant amounts of time and money. Until recently the online permits available through MyBuildingPermit.com were simple, over-the-counter permits that did not require any plan review. The online permitting service can now accept and issue mechanical, electrical, plumbing and reroof permits that require plan review. The first jurisdictions to implement the new service are Burien, Kirkland, Bellevue and Snohomish County.

The traditional permitting process requires the applicant to print multiple copies of the construction plans for each permit application. When revisions are necessary during permit review, new copies must be produced and submitted for final approval. For large projects this can cost thousands of dollars, consume large amounts of paper, and require multiple trips to city hall. By making it possible to submit all permit documents and plan sets online, applicants will realize significant savings and have the added convenience of submitting documents at any time.

Matthew Steele of Moore Fire Protection, one of the first customers to use the new system said, “This is GREAT news! We would love to submit our applications online and since we back everything up digitally, it’s perfect. Thank you for the exciting news. We will definitely be utilizing this system. Thanks again!”

Providing plan review for mechanical, electrical, plumbing and reroof permit types is only the initial phase of a project that will expand to include most development permits. By the end of 2012 online plan review will expand to include building, fire, right-of-way, utilities, and land use permit types.

The Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties has been an enthusiastic supporter of MyBuildingPermit.com. According to the association’s CEO, Samuel Anderson, “Expanding services to include permits that require plan review is a huge step forward for MyBuildingPermit.com. Customers will see direct benefits through reduced printing costs, fewer trips to city hall and faster permit review times.”

MyBuildingPermits.com was first created and launched in 2002 by a number of Puget Sound area cities in an effort to both save permit applicants and the cities time and money over a

traditional approach in which each city would provide individual online permitting services. The portal has been a huge success and has issued over 60,000 permits since inception. It is the only multi-jurisdiction permitting portal of its kind in the nation.

The MyBuildingPermit.com member jurisdictions now include, Mill Creek, Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Renton, Sammamish, Snoqualmie, Bellevue, Burien and Snohomish County covering a total population of over 800,000 residents and businesses.

Other quotes;

Tom Phillips, Building Services Manager, City of Kirkland, said “It’s like having a virtual permit counter that is always open, resulting in more convenience to our customers and greater flexibility in managing staff.”

John Backman, Executive Director, eCityGov Alliance, said, “Developers and builders that work throughout the region also benefit by being able to conduct business through a single, regional permitting portal. The MyBuildingPermit.com portal truly provides one-stop shopping for our businesses and citizens.”

The [eCityGov Alliance](#) also provides the following regional service portals:

[NWMaps.net](#)

[NWProperty.net](#)

[MyParksandRecreation.com](#)

[SharedProcurementPortal.com](#)

[GovJobsToday.com](#)

[HSConnect.net](#)

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