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Snohomish County building permits to be available on-line

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*Reardon hails latest development in Snohomish County e-government;
service available in March 2005*

A variety of building permits will soon be available on-line, a development which Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon says will make working with the County more convenient, more efficient and less costly.

The County is joining MyBuildingPermit.com, a web site owned and managed by several cities in King and Snohomish counties that have pooled resources to provide on-line permitting services.

Officials anticipate the new service will be available in March 2005.

“E-permitting is going to keep people at their jobs and off the road,” Executive Reardon said. “My administration’s goal is to make Snohomish County a premier ‘information technology’ government. It’s saving us money and it’s saving our customers time *and* money.”

“Now a contractor in Arlington or Monroe won’t have to drive to Everett just to get permits.”

The Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) will offering residential mechanical, residential plumbing and re-roof permits via the Internet. Licensed contractors and homeowners will be able to apply for a permit on-line, pay

permit fees, and obtain the permit without having to fax, e-mail, or mail the document to PDS.

MyBuildingPermit.com and its affiliated members are exploring how to make other permit types available on-line in the near future.

“Providing this service will help our customers by minimizing the number of necessary office visits, the amount of time they wait to receive assistance, and the total time spent at PDS,” said Craig Ladiser, PDS director. “We are moving forward in response to Executive Reardon’s directive to implement on-line permitting as quickly as possible.

“Our goal is to ‘go live’ with on-line permitting at the end of the first quarter of 2005.”

The project is being sponsored by Ladiser; Bob von Wolfradt, Director of the County’s Department of Information Services; and Snohomish County Treasurer Bob Dantini. MyBuildingPermit.com is managed by eCityGov Alliance, a group of nine cities in King and Snohomish counties.

In 2004 Snohomish County was named one of the nation’s most technologically advanced counties by the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties. It earned a sixth-place ranking behind only San Diego County, Calif.; Orange County, Fla; Alameda County, Calif.; Bernalillo County, N.M.; and Tulsa County, Okla.

The program’s goal is to reduce the number of customers who have to come into PDS headquarters at the Courthouse; reduce the number of telephone calls coming into the County; and make information more accessible.

MyBuildingPermit.com is the collaborative effort of Bellevue, Bothell, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Sammamish, Snoqualmie, Woodinville and Snohomish County -- governments working to provide a unified approach to building processes and services.

People interested in learning more about the process can log on to MyBuildingPermit.com

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