# **Citizen Portal Instruction Manual**



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#### **General Permit Center Information**

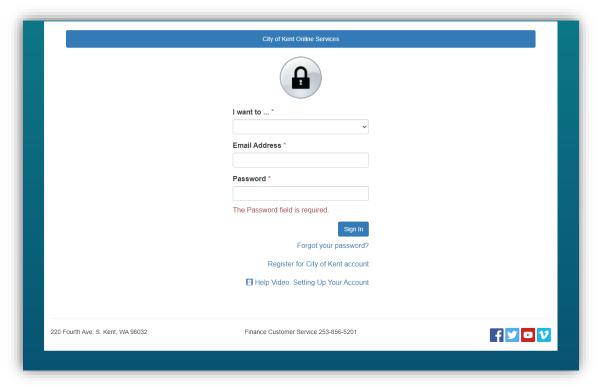
- The Permit Center is open to the public Monday Friday between 9:00AM 4:00PM
- All permit processes are electronic. No paper is accepted or issued.
- All payments must be made at Finance Customer Service. The permit center does not accept any payments. Payments may be made through your Citizen Portal, by mail, or in person.
  - Finance Customer Service is located across the hall from the Permit Center.
  - The counter is open to the public Monday Friday between 9:00AM 4:00PM
- To contact us, please call the Permit Center Main Line: 253-856-5300 or send us an email at <u>PermitCenter@KentWA.gov</u>
- Please note we receive a large volume of calls and emails. Our staff works diligently to respond to every message.
  - All Permit Status queries can be answered through your Citizen Portal.
     Please see section on How to Check your Permit Status.
  - Specific questions regarding correction comments should be sent to the plan reviewer who made the comment. Contact information may be found on the correction letter.

#### **Permit Application Process Overview**

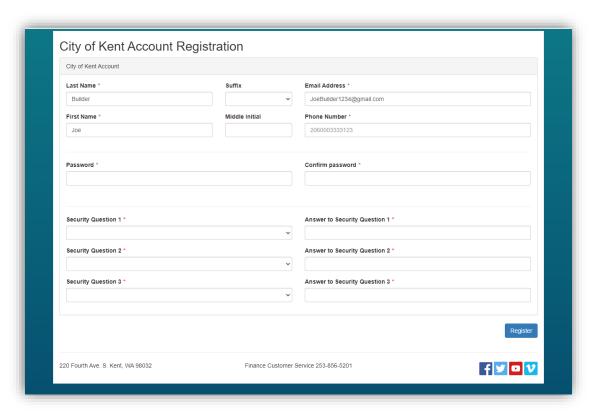
- 1. A **Permit Application** is submitted through the Citizen Portal.
- 2. A Permit Technician reviews the application for **completeness**.
  - a. If **Incomplete**, the applicant receives a letter and resubmits their corrected application.
  - b. If Complete, Permit Technician prepares and sends any applicable Intake Fees.
- 3. **Intake Fees** are paid.
- 4. The application is then routed for Plan Review.
- 5. **Plan Review** is completed by the applicable divisions.
  - a. Building, Planning, Development Engineering, and/or Fire Prevention.
- 6. If one or more Plan Reviewers requests **Corrections**, a **Consolidated Correction Letter** is emailed to the applicant by a Permit Technician.
  - a. **Red lined plans** are uploaded to the applicant's Citizen Portal.
- 7. Plan corrections are made by the Applicant and **resubmitted** via the Citizen Portal.
- 8. A Permit Technician reviews the resubmitted application for completeness.
  - a. If **Incomplete**, the applicant receives a letter and resubmits their corrected resubmittal.
  - b. If **Complete**, Permit Technician routes for Plan Review.
- 9. The correction process may repeat, or the Plan Reviewers will approve the application.
- 10. Once the **application is approved**, a Permit Technician will send any applicable Issuance Fees and confirm the Contractor information.
- 11. Issuance fees are paid.
- 12. The **Permit is issued** with the approved plans via the Citizen Portal.
- 13. **Inspections** are scheduled through the Citizen Portal.
- 14. If applicable, a **Revision** application request is submitted through the Citizen Portal and goes through the review process outlined above.

# Registering for the Citizen Portal

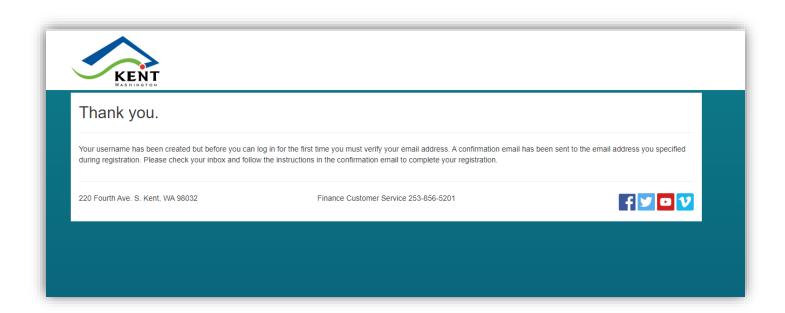
1. Navigate to <a href="https://permitportal.kentwa.gov">https://permitportal.kentwa.gov</a> and click "Register for City of Kent account".



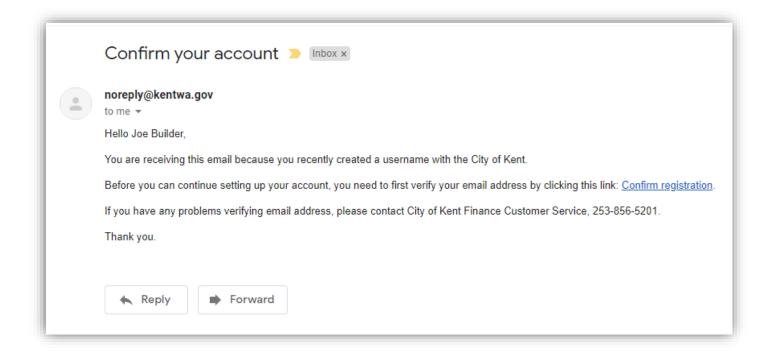
2. Fill in all asterisked fields. When entering a telephone number, please only enter numbers, no spaces, or characters. Click the blue "Register" button in the bottom right corner.



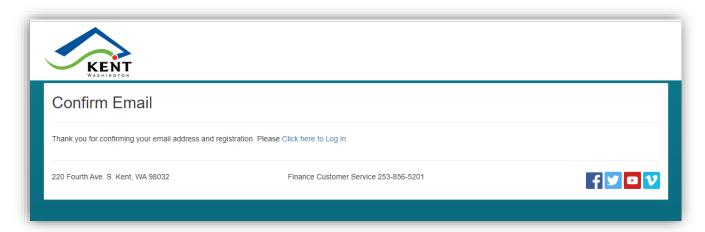
3. A "Thank You" screen with instructions to verify your email address will appear. Navigate to your email inbox.



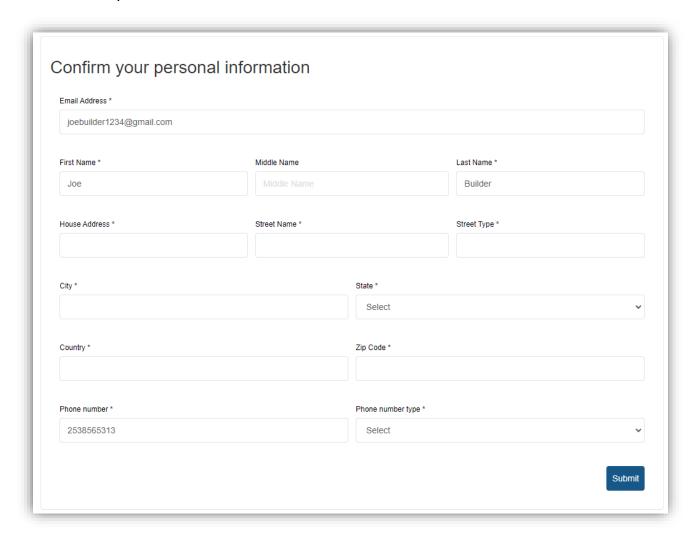
4. You will receive an email like the one shown here. Click "Confirm Registration."



5. A window will open in a web browser. Click the link that says: "Click here to Log in".

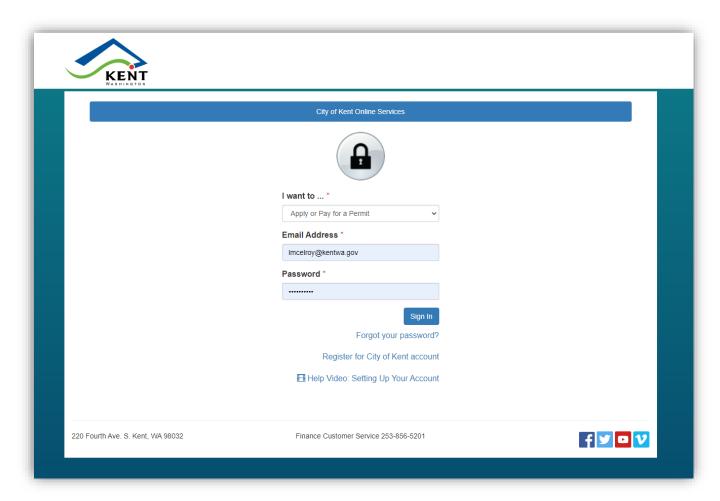


6. Log in and there will be a screen to confirm personal information. Confirm the information and fill in the asterisked fields. When entering a telephone number, please only enter numbers, no spaces, or characters. Click the blue "Submit" button on the bottom right when ready.



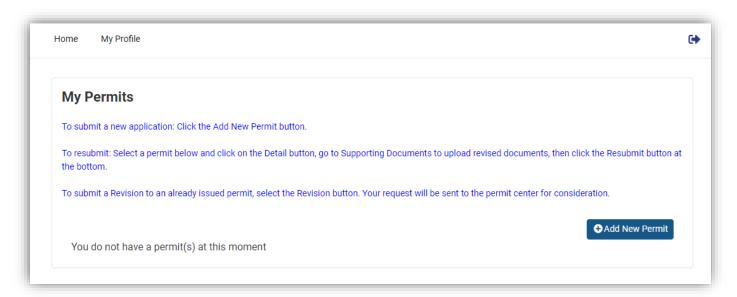
# Logging into Citizen Portal

1. Navigate to <a href="https://permitportal.kentwa.gov">https://permitportal.kentwa.gov</a> and select "Apply or Pay for a Permit" from the drop-down menu. Enter your email address and Password and click the blue "Sign In" button.

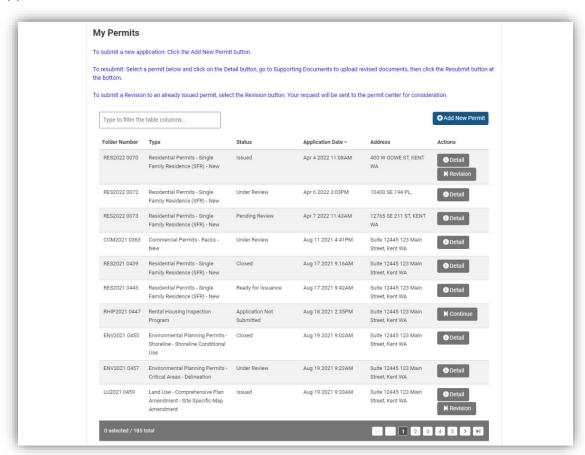


#### Citizen Portal Home Screen

1. After logging in to the Citizen Portal, the home screen will appear. Prior to applying for any permits, the home screen will look like this:

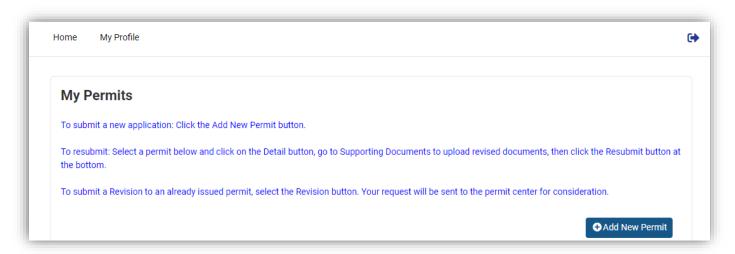


2. Once one or more permit applications have been started, the home screen will reflect the applications in a list like this:

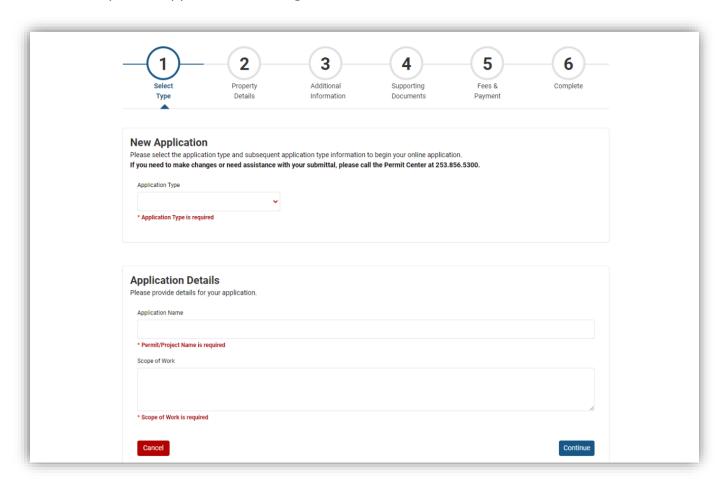


# Apply for a New Permit Application

1. To submit a new application, click the blue "Add New Permit" button

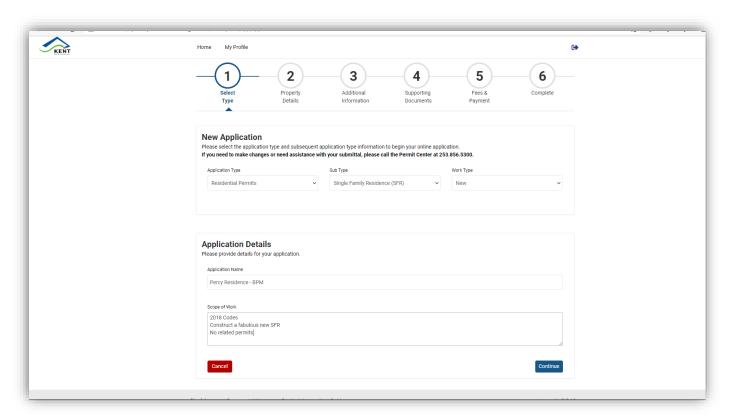


2. A new permit application will begin.

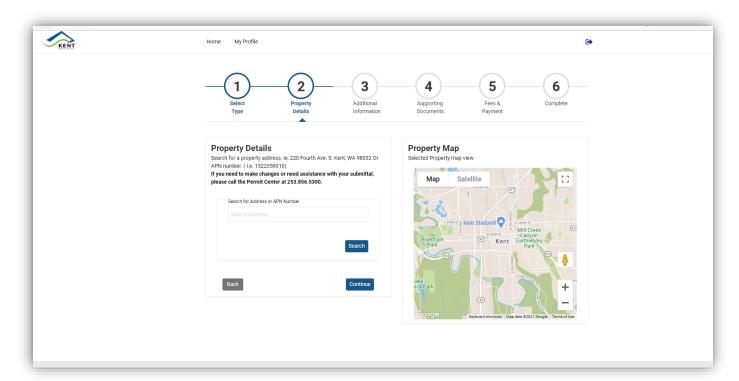


\*Please note the rest of these instructions show an example of an application for a Residential – Single-Family Residence – New. Please make the applicable selections for your permit type in real time.

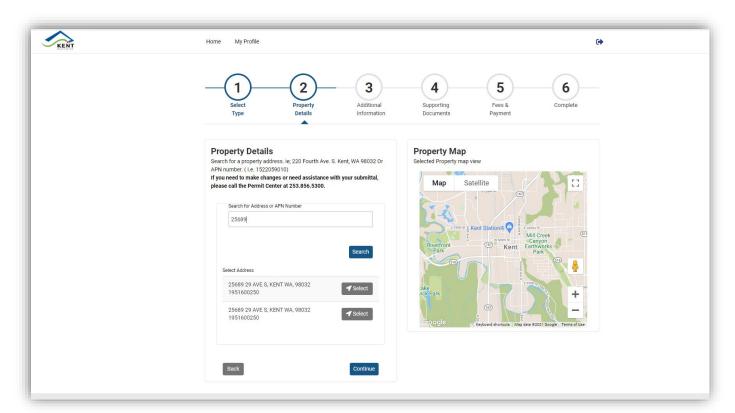
3. Select the appropriate Application Type, Sub Type, and Work Type for your scope of work. Write an "Application Name" and a detailed "Scope of Work". Click "Continue".



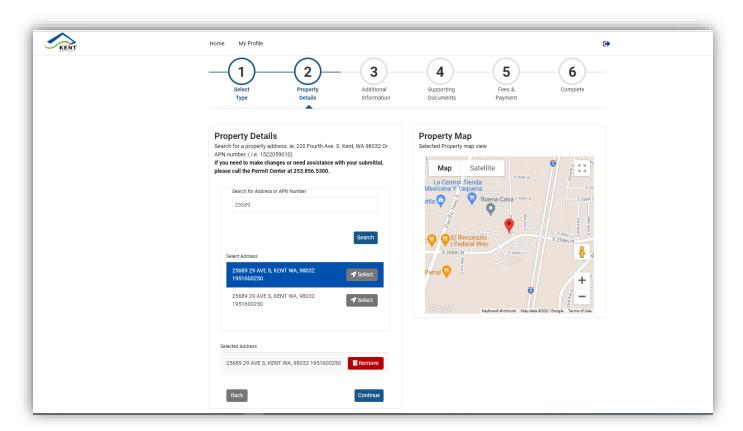
4. Next, on the "Property Details" screen, type in the permit address OR Parcel (APN) number and click "Search".



5. A list of addresses will appear. Click the "Select" button next to the correct address or parcel number from the list.

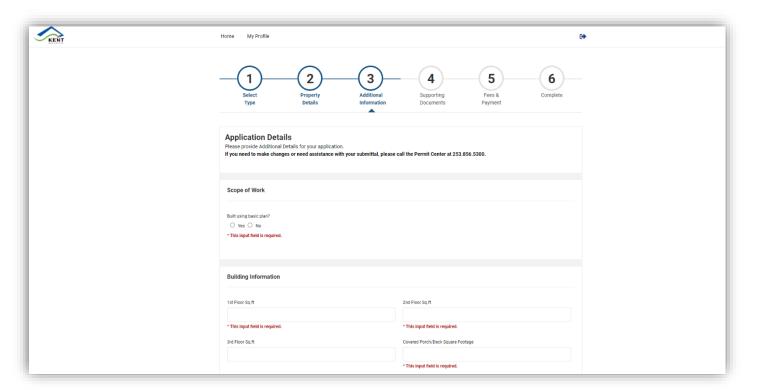


6. Click "Continue".

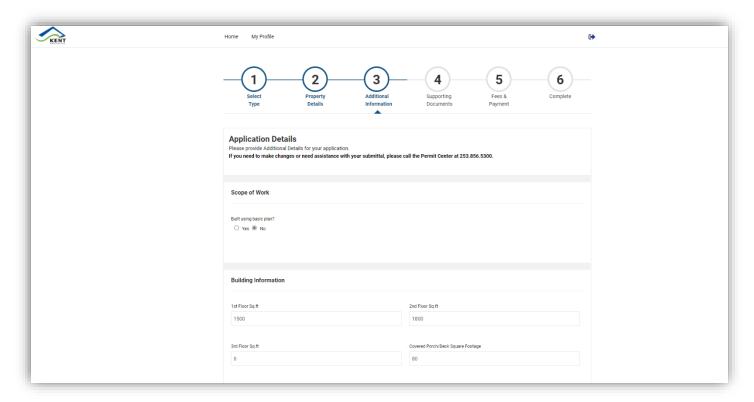


7. Next, complete the applicable fields on the "Additional Information" screen. The red asterisked fields must be filled out.

**Building Information Section:** 



The red asterisk will disappear when the field has been filled in.



8. Next, enter the information for any People associated with the application.

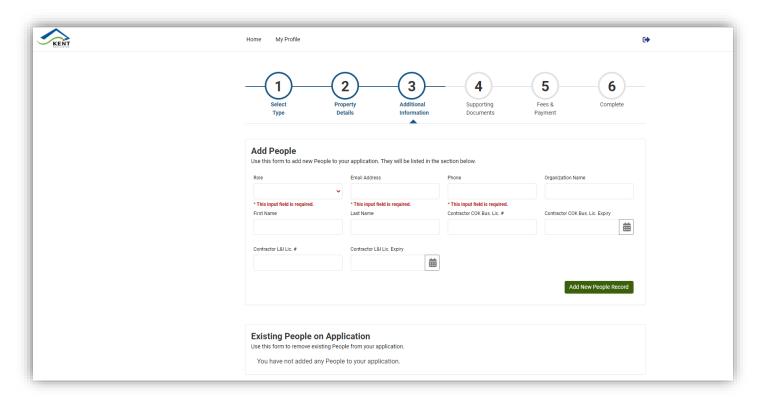
#### \*\*It is imperative the correct email address is provided\*\*

Select the role of the person you are adding. Roles that may be added include the Owner, Contractor, Architect, Engineer, and Other. Adding the Owner of the property, even if that person is you, is required.

Red asterisked fields are required. When entering a telephone number, please only enter numbers, no spaces, or characters.

We strongly encourage entering the license information for all professionals if possible. Construction Contractors are required to have an active license with Labor & Industries, and an active City of Kent business license prior to permit issuance.

If you are a homeowner completing your own construction work, please do not add yourself as a Contractor role. Instead, please complete an <u>Affidavit in Lieu of Contractor</u> and upload the document under the "Other" attachment type (see step 13) along with the rest of your application documents.





Once you enter information, click the green "Add New People Record" button.

9. Once a People record has been added, the screen will show the record below. To remove a record, click the red "Remove" button. Click "Save for Later" to leave and come back. Click "Back" to return to the Building Information section. Click "Continue" to move on.

\*Please note: If one of the associated People would like to access the permit application, they must create their own Citizen Portal account.. It is imperative the correct email address is provided. When they log in to their Citizen Portal, the home screen will list all the permit applications their email is associated with.

**Example:** A building owner registers in the Citizen Portal and applies for a permit. They add the contractor and architect under the People section of their application. Corrections are requested and the owner wants the architect to resubmit to the city directly.

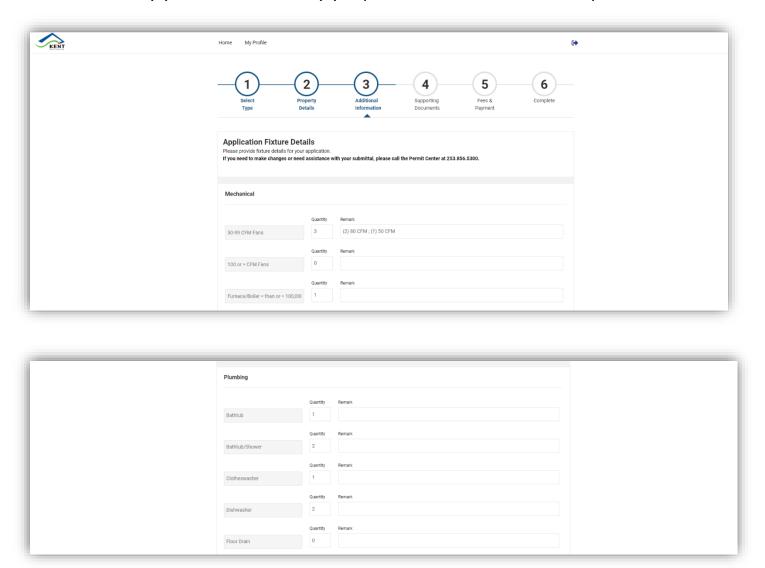
The architect registers for their own Citizen Portal account using the email address associated with the permit application. When the architect logs in, she can see the permit application, access the documents, and upload the corrections for the resubmittal.

Once the permit has been issued, the owner wants the contractor to print the documents and have them in hand on site for inspections. The Contractor also registers for a Citizen Portal account. The permit record is listed on the home screen and the contractor can then download and print the permit documents and schedule inspections.

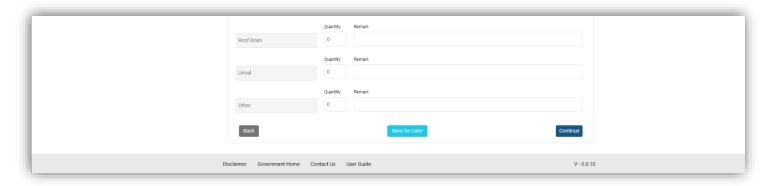
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	2 Additional Information	Supporting Documents	5 6 Complete Payment	<b>(+)</b>
Add People Use this form to add new People to you	ur application. They will be listed in the	section below.		
Role	Email Address	Phone	Organization Name	
* This input field is required. First Name	* This input field is required. Last Name	* This input field is required. Contractor COK Bus. Lic. #	Contractor COK Bus. Lic. Explry	
			<b>=</b>	
Contractor L8I Lic. #	Contractor L&I Lic. Expiry			
			Add New People Record	
Existing People on Appli Use this form to remove existing Peop				
Contractor: Builder Contractor L	LC		<b>i</b> Remove	
Role	Email Address	Phone	Organization Name	
Contractor	builder@email.com	253-856-5300	Builder Contractor LLC	
First Name	Last Name	Contractor COK Bus. Lic. #	Contractor COK Bus. Lic. Expiry	
Joe	Builder	2221234	31 DEC, 2022	
Contractor L&I Lic. #	Contractor L&I Lic. Expiry			
BUILD1234	31 AUG, 2022			
Back	Save	or Later	Continue	

10. Next, for applications with possible fixtures, the applicant will enter the quantity and details for all applicable Mechanical and Plumbing fixtures.

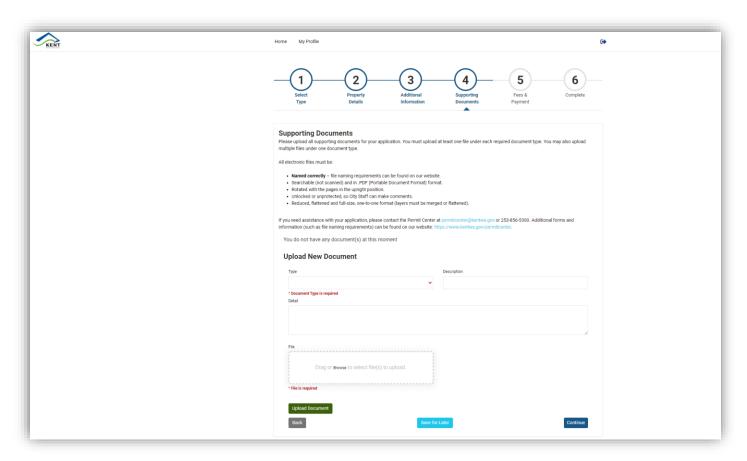
Please note (1) Water Service and (1) Dryer Vent will fill in automatically for new SFRs.



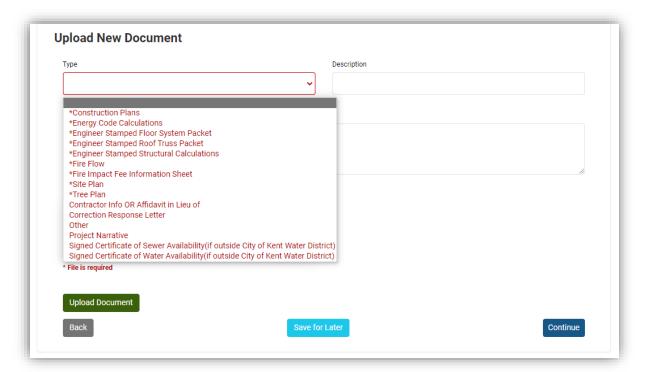
11. When done, click either the "Save for Later" button or the "Continue" button.



12. Lastly, upload all required .PDF documents and any other applicable items for the application on the "Supporting Documents" screen.



13. Select the document Type from the drop-down menu. All asterisked items are required. Optional: type a description or details about the document.

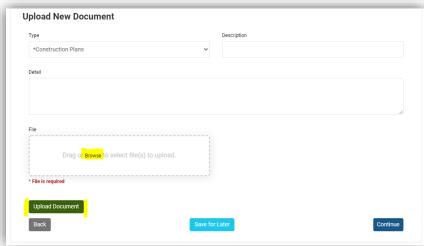


14. Click "browse" or drag and drop the file you wish to upload. Click the Green "Upload Document" button.

Repeat this process for all documents.

Please note, applicants do not have the ability to delete uploaded items.

If you upload the wrong item, simply upload the correct one and make a note in either the description or detail section.



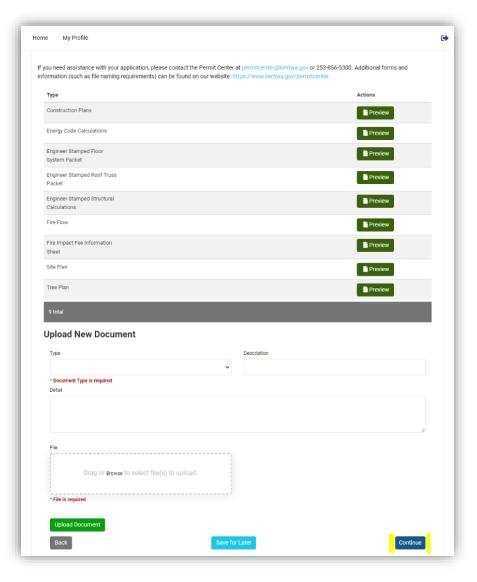
You may upload multiple files under each Attachment Type.

15. As documents are uploaded, a list will form showing what has been uploaded.

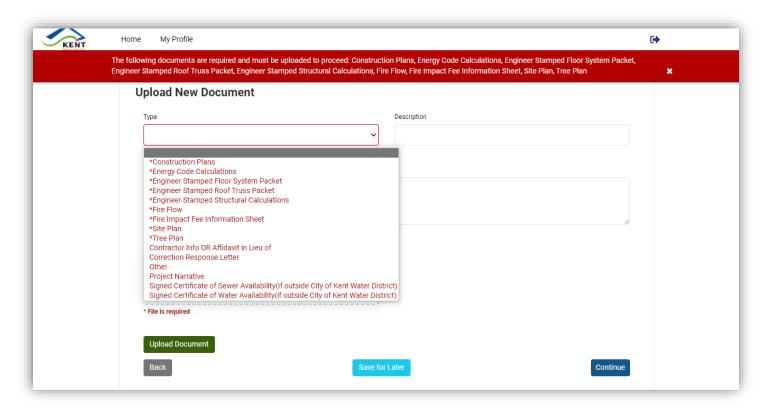
When you have uploaded all the required documents, please be sure your information is correct. The green Preview button next to each uploaded document will show you what has been uploaded.

When you are completely ready to submit your application, click the blue "Continue" button on the bottom right.

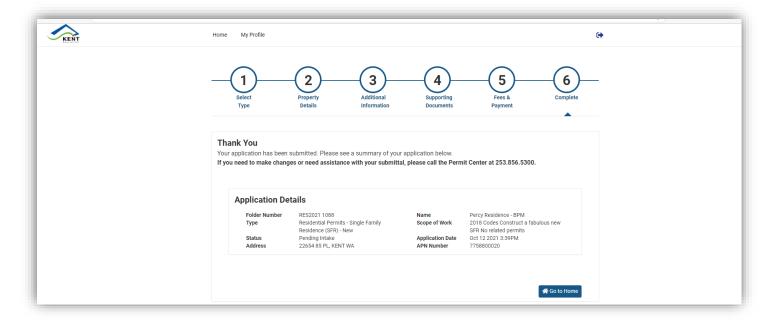
Once the 'continue' button is selected you will not be able to make edits/changes to your application.



16. Please note the application is unable to be submitted if a required item is missing. The red alert at the top of the screen will appear if the blue "Continue" button is clicked before all required items are uploaded. The drop-down menu has asterisks next to the required items.

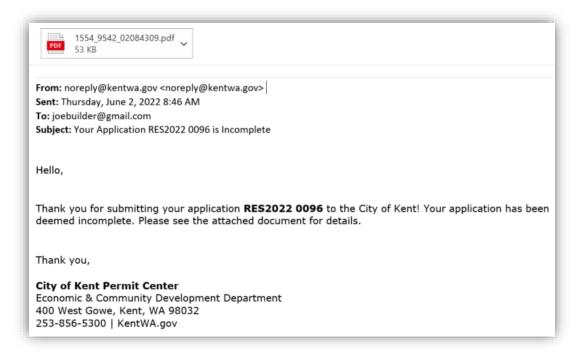


17. Once all documents have been uploaded and the "Continue" button selected, then the application is submitted to the Permit Center for intake. Please note the permit ID number.

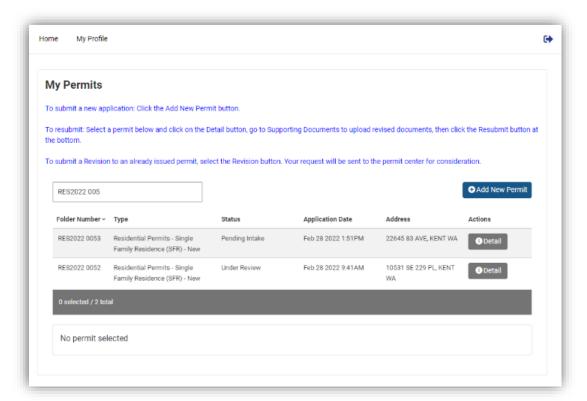


### Resubmit for an Incomplete Application

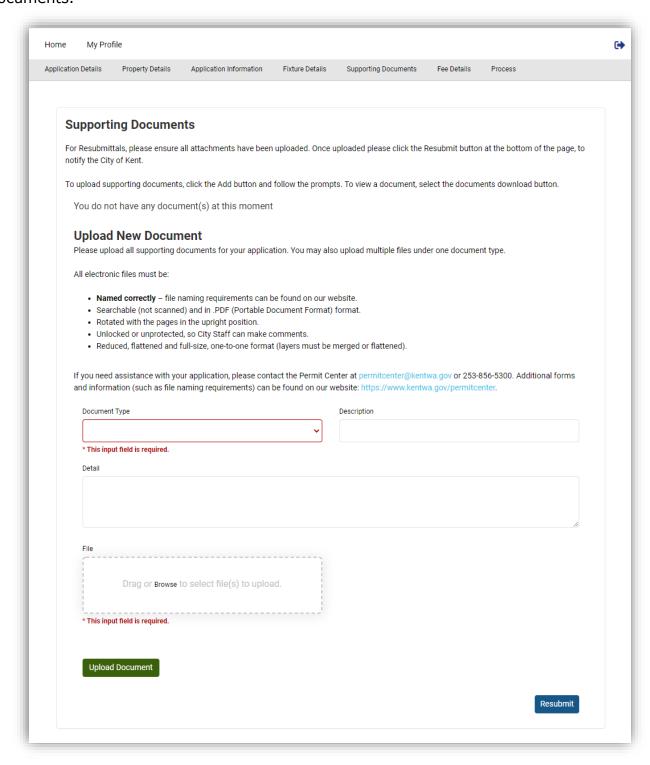
1. A newly submitted application is reviewed for completeness by a Permit Technician. Should they deem the application incomplete, you will receive the following email. Open the attachment to read the Letter of Incompleteness for details.



2. The application status on your home screen will be "Pending Intake". Click the "Detail" button next to the application.

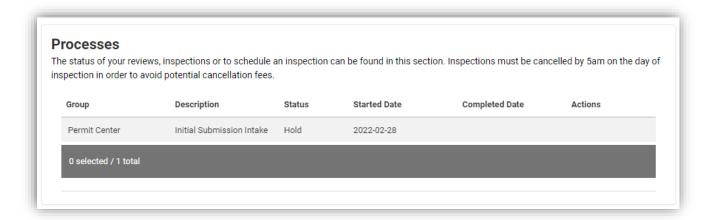


3. Update any applicable info fields under Application Information or Fixture Details. Click "Supporting Documents" in the top ribbon and upload any necessary new or corrected documents.

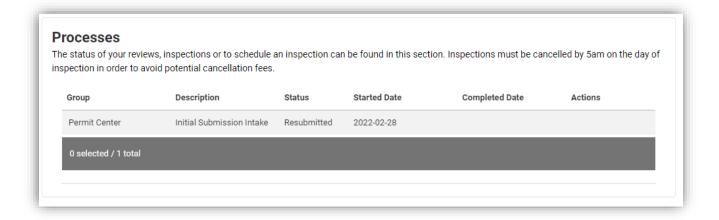


Click the green "Upload Document" button after you have uploaded each item. Only when ready to resubmit your entire application, should you click the blue "Resubmit" button.

4. The Processes section will show the status of "Hold" before you resubmit your corrected application.



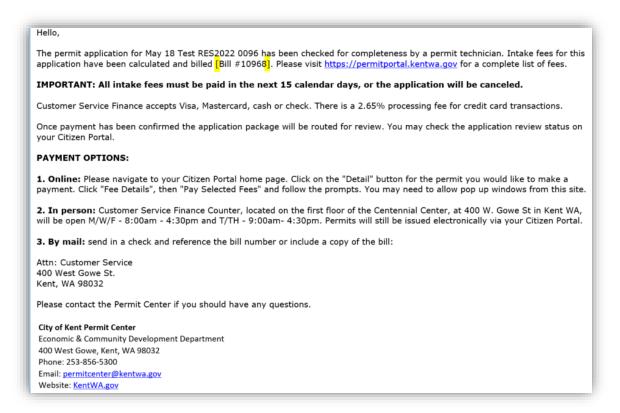
Once you have clicked the blue "Resubmit" button, the status will change to "Resubmitted".



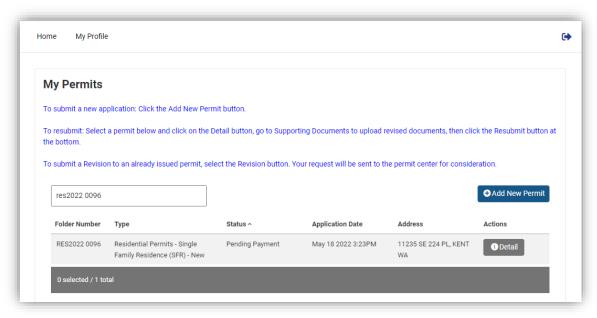
### Pay Application/Permit Fees

#### Paying Intake Fees

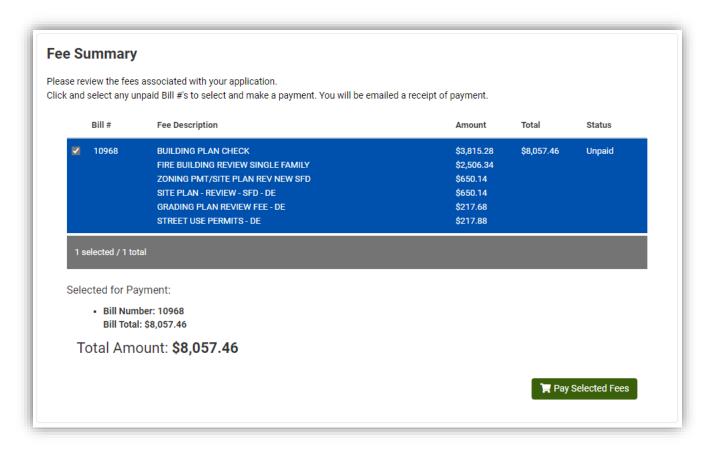
1. Once your application has been deemed complete, you will receive an email stating you have Intake Fees due. The email contains payment instructions and the Bill #.



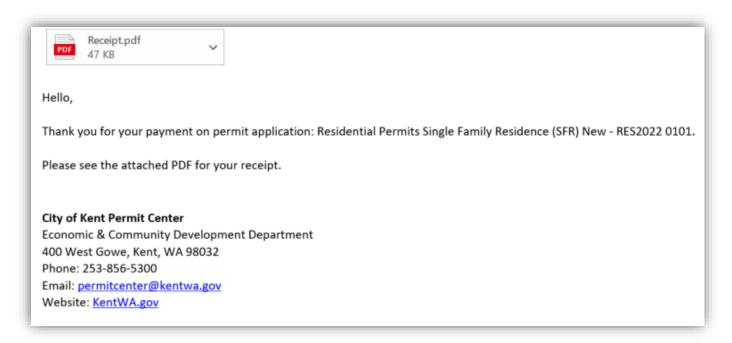
2. In the Citizen Portal, search for the permit number. It will have a status of "Pending Payment". Click the gray Detail button.



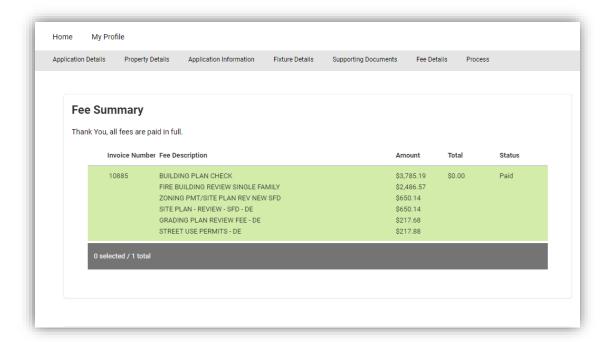
3. Click "Fee Details" on the top ribbon. The page will jump down to the Fee Summary. To pay Online, click the green "Pay Selected Fees" button and follow the prompts.



4. Once payment has been made, you will receive an email with an attached receipt.



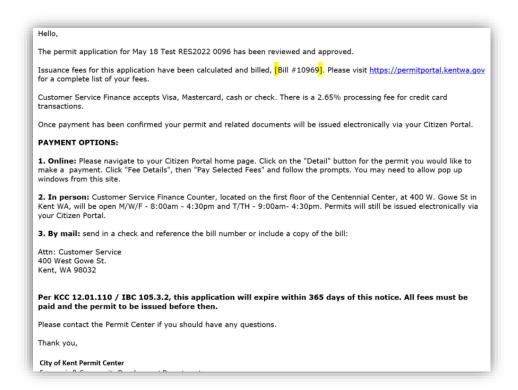
In the Citizen Portal, the Fee Summary will state that all fees have been paid in full.



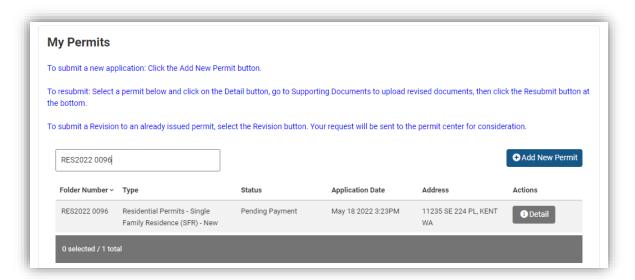
When Intake Fees have been paid in full, the permit application will be routed for plan review.

#### Paying Issuance Fees

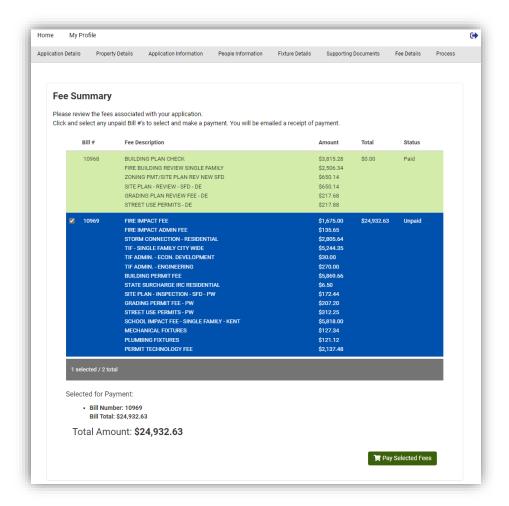
1. Once your permit application has been approved by all plan reviewers, you will receive an email stating you have Issuance Fees due. The email contains payment instructions and the Bill #. The email may also alert you if you need to submit Contractor information.



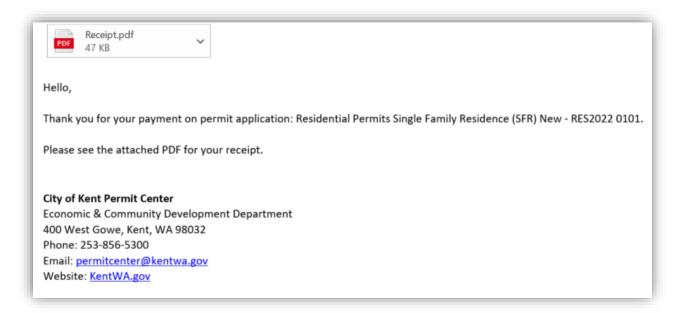
2. In the Citizen Portal, search for the permit number. It will have a status of "Pending Payment". Click the gray Detail button.



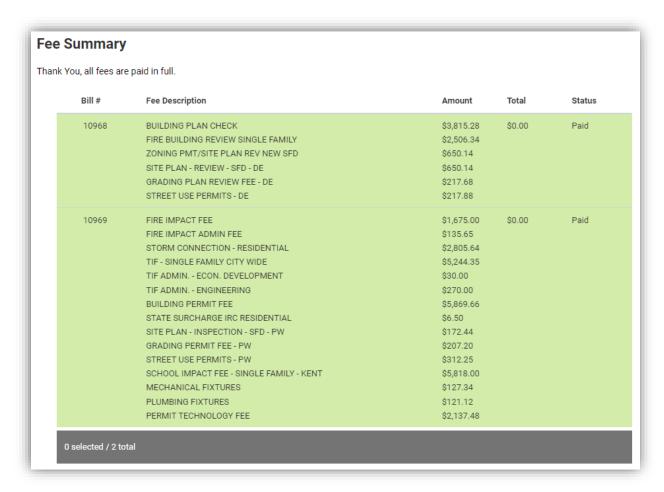
3. Click on "Fee Details" from the top ribbon and the page will jump down to the Fee Summary. You will see any intake fees that were previously paid in green, and the issuance fees that are due in blue. To pay online, click the green "Pay Selected Fees" button and follow the prompts.



4. Once payment has been made, you will receive an email with an attached receipt.



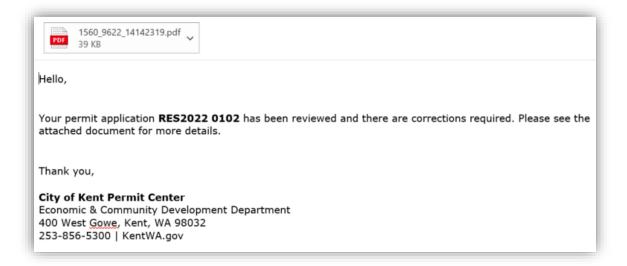
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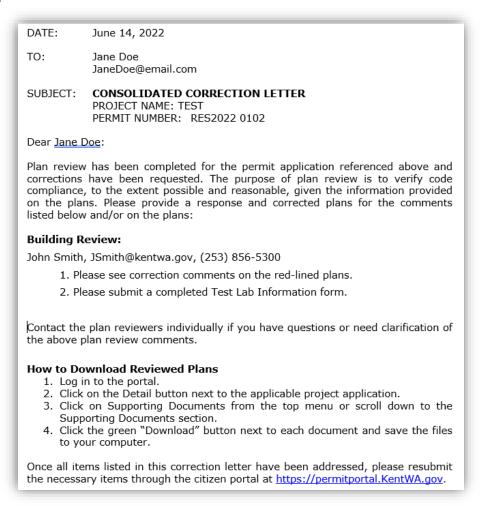
Once Issuance Fees have been paid in full, and a valid Contractor has been confirmed, the permit will be issued and the stamped approved plans will be uploaded to the Citizen Portal.

#### Resubmit Corrections to a Reviewed Application

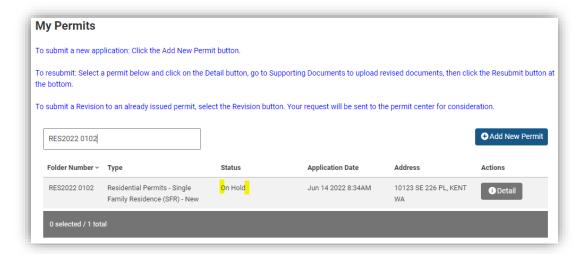
 Once your permit application has been reviewed, one or more Plan Reviewers may request corrections or additional information. The permit application will be placed on hold, and you will receive a Consolidated Correction Letter via email.



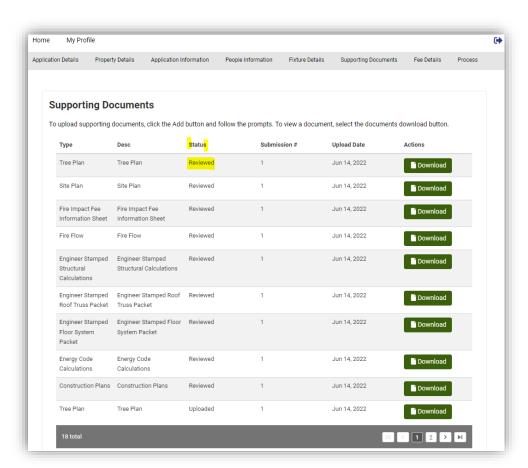
Open the attachment to read the Consolidated Correction Letter for details.



2. The application status on your home screen will be "On Hold". Click the "Detail" button next to the application.



- 3. Click "Supporting Documents" and then click the green "Download" button next to each item. The documents that may have red lined comments on them have a status of "Reviewed".
  - \*It is crucial to download all reviewed documents before uploading new documents. The current submission will be removed when a new submission is started.\*

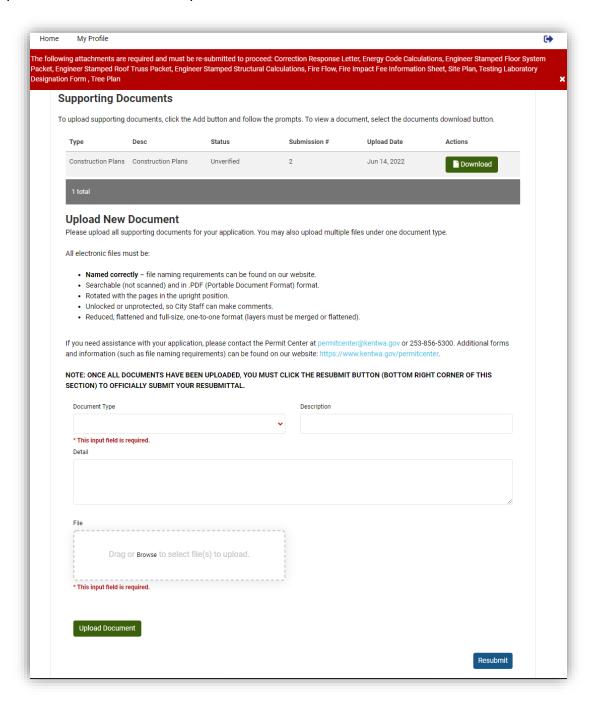


4. Once you have downloaded all the Reviewed documents and saved them to your computer, you may begin uploading the documents for the resubmittal.

Under "Supporting Documents" upload a complete submittal package with corrected items. Click the green "Upload Document" button after you have uploaded the document.

Only when you are ready to resubmit the entire package, click the blue "Resubmit" button.

A red warning will appear on the top of the screen if you try to resubmit before the required items have been uploaded.



5. The Processes section will show the current permit process status has a review on "Hold" and is waiting for the resubmittal to be submitted. The Resubmittal status is "Open".

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Group	Description	Status	Started Date	Completed Date	Actions
Reviews	Building Review	Hold	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
Permit Center	Resubmittal Completeness Check	Open			
Permit Center	Send Correction Letter	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
Permit Center	Insert Reviews	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
Permit Center	Initial Submission Intake	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	

Once you have clicked the blue "Resubmit" button and successfully resubmitted, the permit status will change to "Resubmitted"The Permit Center will then review the resubmittal for completeness, and either route for plan review, or send you a Letter of Incompleteness.

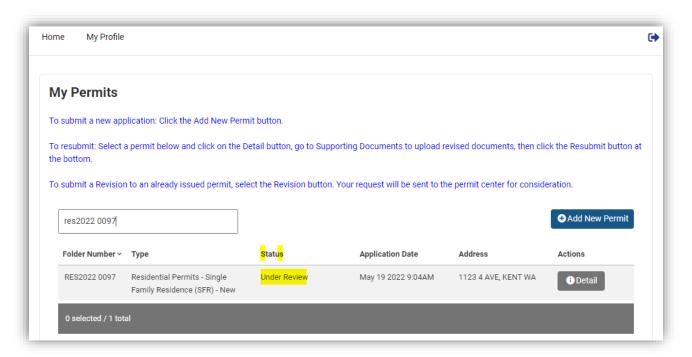
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Permit Center	Send Correction Letter	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
Permit Center	Insert Reviews	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
Permit Center	Initial Submission Intake	Done	2022-06-14	2022-06-14	
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#### **Check Your Permit Status**

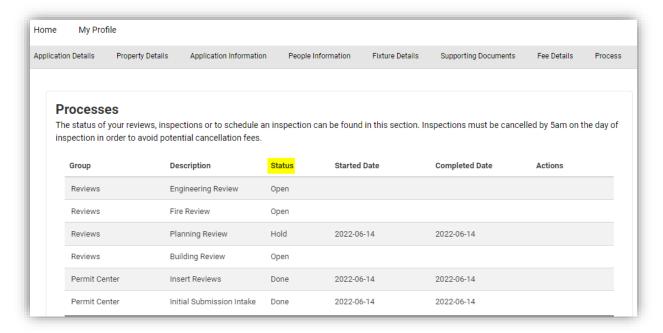
Anytime you would like to check the status of your permit, you are able to do so in the Citizen Portal.

Log in to the portal, and search for the permit application number in the search bar.

The permit status will show in the middle column. To see further details, click the "Detail" button.

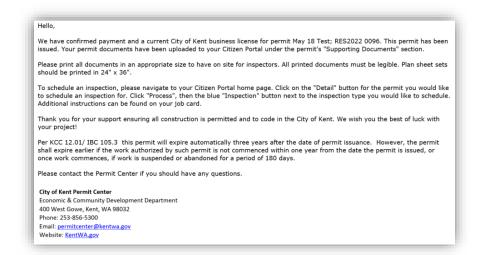


Click on "Processes" and the page will jump down to the bottom. Here you can see each process for the permit application and the status of that process. *Example:* This permit below is currently Under Review. Planning has placed a Hold, and the other open reviews are in progress.

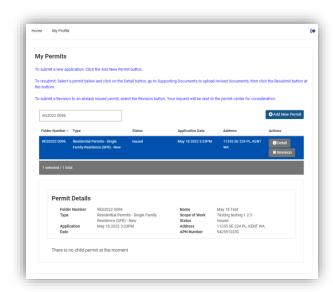


#### Permit Issuance

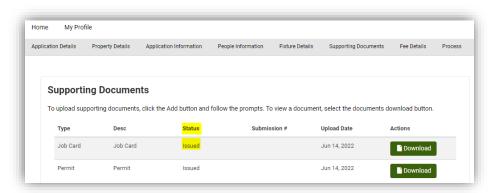
Once your permit has been issued you will receive an email.



The permit status in the Citizen Portal will be "Issued".



Navigate to that permit's Supporting Documents section and download all the documents with an "Issued" status, the permit, and the job card to print and have onsite.

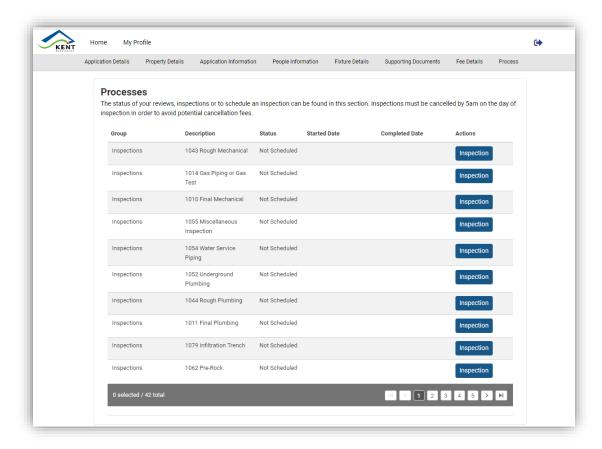


#### Schedule, Cancel, or Re-schedule an Inspection

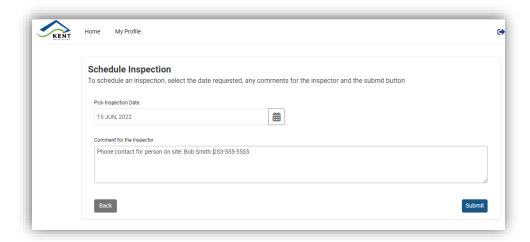
Once your permit has been issued, you will be able to schedule an inspection.

Log in to the Citizen Portal. Click the Detail button next to the permit you want to schedule an inspection for. Click Processes at the top or scroll to the bottom. You will see a list of available inspections to schedule.

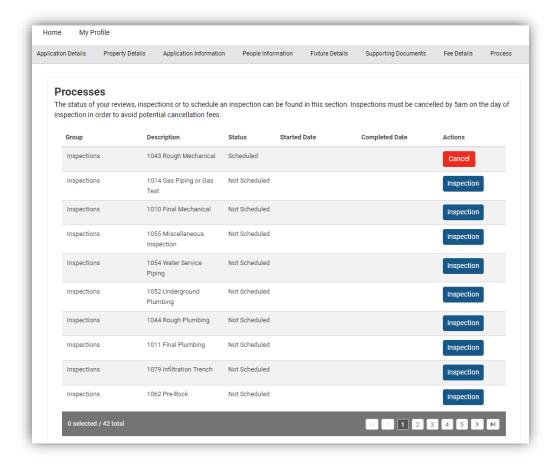
Click the blue "Inspection" button next to the one you want to schedule.

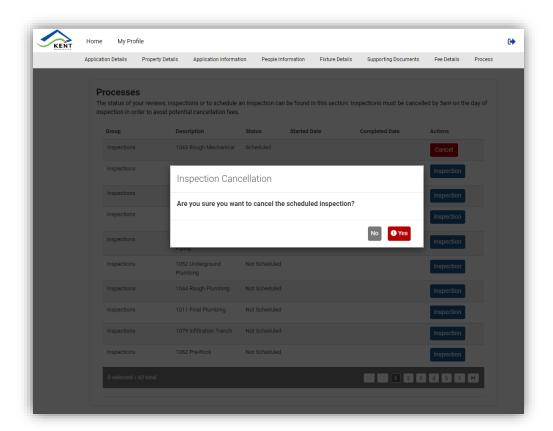


Click the calendar button to select the date you want the inspection. Type in a comment of the name and phone number of the person who will be on site to meet the inspector. Click Submit.

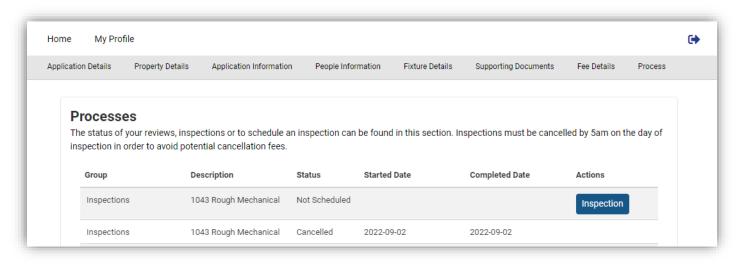


To cancel an inspection, click the red Cancel button and then click "yes" on the pop-up box.





Once you cancel an inspection, it will look like this:



To reschedule that same inspection, please click the "Inspection" button on the new Inspection that has a status of "Not Scheduled".

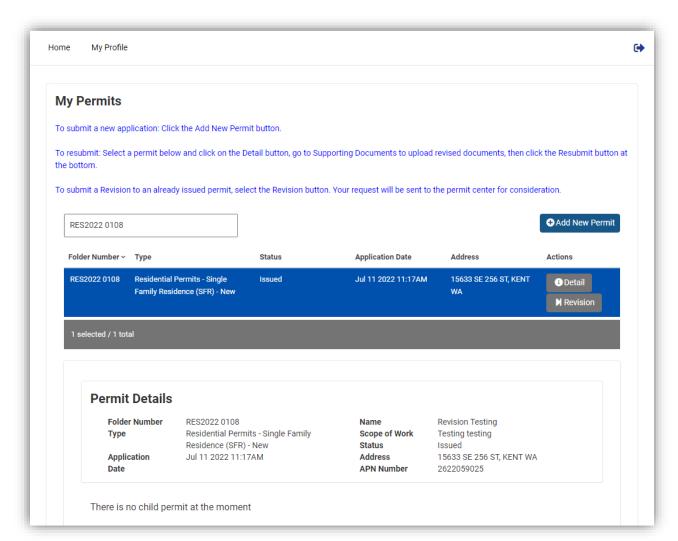
### Apply for a Revision

\*To request a change to submitted plans that are currently under review, please email your request to permitcenter@kentwa.gov

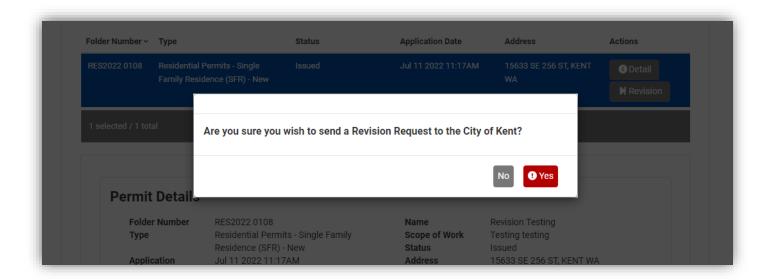
A Revision is a change to an approved, issued permit, that has not passed a Final Building Inspection, and is within the original scope of work. Examples of Revisions include additional engineering for foundation, changing type of materials used, or changing door or window locations. A Revision's scope **must** be in the same area of the building as the original permit.

If the Revision is beyond the scope of work of the original permit, you must apply for a new permit, and not a Revision to the existing permit. Please note, additional square footage, additional fixtures, or work in a different part of a building requires a new permit.

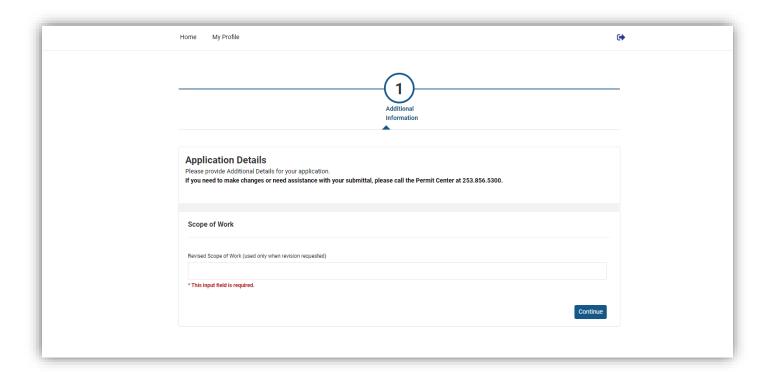
1. Log in to the Citizen Portal and click the Revision button next to the permit you wish to apply for a revision to. The Revision button will only appear next to Issued permits.



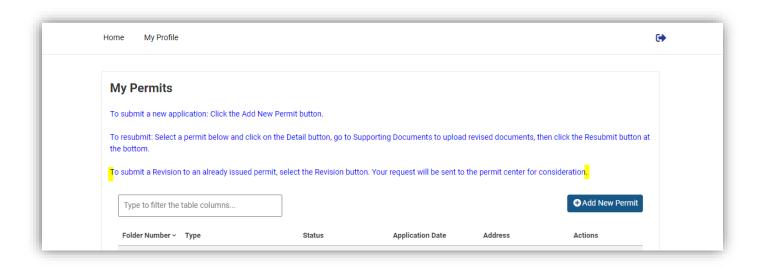
2. Click "Yes" to the pop-up.



3. Type in a **detailed** scope of work describing the revision. Click "Continue" when ready.



4. You will be brought back to the Home Page. Your Revision scope has been sent to the Permit Center for consideration.



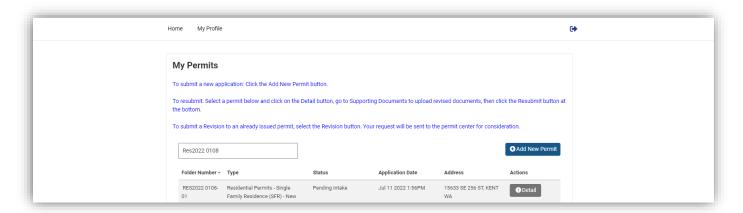
5. Once your Revision Request has been reviewed, you will receive an email letting you know if your request was approved or denied.

If denied, please submit a new application for the scope of work.

If approved, your email will contain a letter that states the Revision permit number and a list of the required documents for submission, review and approval.

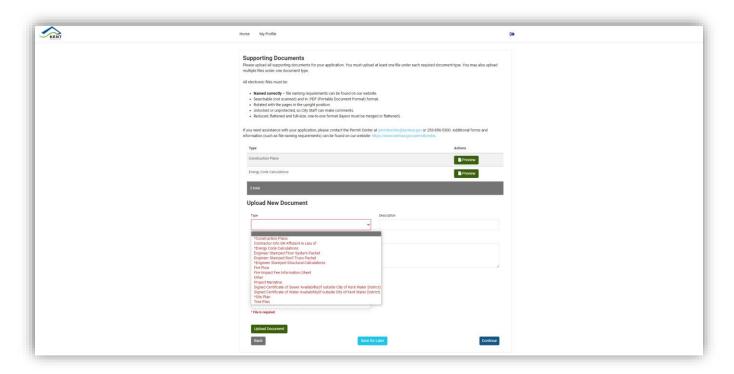


6. Once you have received notification your request is approved, login to the citizen portal and search the revision permit number. Click the "Detail" button next to the Revision application that has a status of Pending Intake.



7. Next, upload the required documents outlined in the letter you were emailed. The dropdown menu items show an asterisk next to the required items.

Select the item you want to upload from the drop-down menu. Click browse and upload the correct document from your computer. Click the green "Upload" button. Once all items have been uploaded, click the blue "Resubmit" button.



Your application will be reviewed, and you will receive an email with next steps. In the meantime, you can view the status of the revision permit application on your Citizen Portal.