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BREAKING NEWS

Temporary Activity Permit Outdoor Seating

In an effort to support businesses in advance of the implementation of Governor Ralph Northam's Phase One [Executive Order 61](#), Prince William County is putting processes in place to help restaurants, dining and craft beverage establishments through the Temporary Activity Permitting process for outdoor seating. [Learn more here>>>](#)

Fire Protection ePlan Submission Process

We are pleased to advise that the Prince William County [Fire Marshal's Office \(FMO\)](#) will begin to accept electronic Fire Protection Plans through the [Building Development Division \(BDD\) ePlan](#), effective **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**.

The Fire Protection [ePlans](#) that will be accepted through this process are:

- Fire Alarms;
- Sprinkler Systems including: Fire Pumps; Remote FDC; and Breezeway Loops;
- Alternative Suppression Systems including: Clean agents; CO2; and other inert gas;
- Underground Fire Lines; and
- Kitchen Hood suppression systems.

The Fire Protection ePlan submission process includes new construction submittals and alterations to existing systems for Tenant Layouts, Additions, and Relocations. Please refer to the [Customer Electronic Plan Review \(ePlan\) Guide](#) and send all electronic submissions to FMOSubmissions@pwcgov.org. **The contractor, designer, or engineer is responsible for ensuring all plans submitted are calibrated, unlocked, and appropriately labeled to prevent delays or improper routing.**

Separately, please note that Site Plans submitted through the [Land Development Division](#) are not a part of the [BDD](#) or [FMO ePlan](#) submission process at this time. The FMO review of Site Plans will be consistent with current practice and processes and civil engineers and designers will still be able to work with the FMO plan reviewer electronically towards final submissions.

In the meantime, if the project started with hard-copy plans, it must continue as hard-copy submissions. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance or more information at FMOSubmissions@pwcgov.org.

Sincerely,

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Coming in June 2020

Coming June 8, 2020 is a New and Improved ePortal (also known as Citizen Self-Service (CSS)).

To attend a Webex Training and Q&A meeting, please find out more [here >>>](#)



Model building energy codes will save homeowners and businesses up to \$126 billion in energy costs.*



*The U.S. Department of Energy

Building Safety Month May 2020

May is Building Safety Month, which focuses on “Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World.” In a global pandemic, these words have far greater meaning to all of us, than ever before. Read more [here >>>](#)

2.2 billion people don't have access to clean drinking water.*

The I-Codes help communities ensure clean water through proper construction, conservation and safe disposal.



*According to World Economic Forum

Water Safety Week

Did you know flooding is the most common hazard in Prince William County? Check out some of the important aspects that our County Agency Partners handle daily [here >>>](#)

Adopting the latest building codes generate a benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested.



*According to a 2019 NIBS study

Disaster Preparedness Week

Be sure to check out our Building Safety Month Disaster Preparedness Tips, with links on how to make plans, supply kits and more [here >>>](#)

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