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ePermits Expands To Include Residential Building Permits

The Department of Codes and Building Safety is proud to announce that as of June 30, 2008, residential building permits have been added to KIVA Citizen. KIVA citizen will now allow for contractors to apply on the internet for many types of residential permits including additions, renovations, and new construction of one and two family residences.

Several permits have already been issued (each with great success) through this new KIVA Citizen enhancement. The first building permit issued online was obtained by Metro Construction Rehab Incorporated for a residential rehab project in South Nashville. What makes this case special is that Metro Construction Rehab was able to complete the entire process without any training or instructions other than the guides posted on the web site. Most of the major users of Metro's KIVA Citizen have had basic training in how the ePermitting process works. That training gave Metro Construction the skills necessary to select, apply for, pay and have issued their residential building permit.

"We have nothing but positive comments about the new ePermits process for residential building permits. One of our first users, Metro Construction Rehab was able to complete the entire process on their first attempt." Joey Hargis, Chief Zoning

Training classes are currently forming to aid users in applying for building permits. If you would like information on applying online for permits or to sign up for upcoming training courses please contact Joey Hargis at buildingpermits@nashville.gov for more information.

Department of Commerce & Insurance Issues Notice of Rulemaking Hearing on Adoption of 2006 Fire Code

There will be a hearing before the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or her designee to consider promulgation of amendments pursuant to TCA 62-32-202, 68-102-113 and 68-120-101. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (TCA 4-5-202) and will take place in the Tennessee Room on the third floor of the Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, located at 312 8th Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee at 9 a.m. (central time) on Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 2008.

The proposed rule proposes to adopt the International Fire Code, 2006 edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc. 500 New Jersey Avenue Northwest, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, and the Life Safety Code (NFPA No. 101-2006), 2006 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy Massachusetts 02269-9101.

For a copy of this notice of rulemaking hearing, contact Randy Safer, Director of Codes Enforcement for the State Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Commerce and Insurance at 500 James Robertson Parkway, Davy Crockett Tower, 3rd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, telephone (615) 741-7190.

SUMMER GRILLING SAFETY

With warm weather fast approaching everyone will be looking forward to doing more outdoor grilling. Tennessee State Fire Marshal Leslie Newman wants to remind Tennesseans that being safe while cooking outdoors is just as important as practicing fire safety while cooking indoors.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), gas and charcoal grills cause an average of 900 home structure fires and 3,500 home outdoor fires each year. Half of all gas and charcoal grill fires begin on an exterior balcony or un-enclosed porch, so it is important to grill outside, well away from your home.

SAFETY TIPS FOR OUTDOOR GRILLING:

- Position the grill away from siding, deck railings, overhanging eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when handling food.
- Periodically remove grease buildup in trays to prevent ignition by a hot grill.

Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grills. Leaks and breaks in the gas cylinder or hose are the leading cause, accounting for nearly half of gas grill fires. Placing combustibles too close to heat and leaving cooking unattended are two

other leading causes.

GAS GRILL SAFETY TIPS:

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by bubbling.
- If you determine your grill has a gas leak: Turn off the valve on the tank and have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only gas cylinders with an overfill protection device (OPD). OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel. OPDs shut off the flow of gas before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up/
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.



2008 Emergency Preparedness Survey for Davidson County, TN

Emergencies can and do happen any time, at any location, and can affect only a few people, or mass populations. Nashville/Davidson County is not exempt from any emergency. It could happen here. This is why your local government is continuing to take the proactive approach with emergency preparedness and directly asking its citizens that either work or live in Davidson County for their input. This is your chance to join the over 2,200 people who participated in the survey last year – and your opinion will make a difference.

In its second year, this survey will be used to determine the preparedness level of the citizens and to assist local government officials in better preparing and reaching out to its citizens based on the results of this survey. These results will be made available to the general public during National Preparedness Month, September 2008, on the internet www.nashville.gov/oem.

This survey is completely voluntary. There is no specific group of Davidson County citizens being asked to complete this survey, and is open to anyone who works or lives within Davidson County, TN. Surveys can be completed either **on-line at www.nashville.gov/oem**, or paper copies can be returned by faxing to 615-862-8534 or by mailing to Heidi Jordan, 2060 15th Avenue South, Nashville, TN, 37212.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Heidi Jordan at 615-880-2950, or by emailing **Heidi Jordan at oesurvey@nashville.gov**.

Thank you for taking the time to help your local government help you!

[Take the Emergency Preparedness Survey!](#)

Metro joins Google "Cities in 3D" Program

A cooperative agreement between Google™ and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County will add another dimension to the economic development tools that Metro uses to help expanding and relocating companies find the sites they need.

Through Google's "Cities in 3D" initiative, Metro Government can now publish, in an easily accessible online form, three-dimensional renderings of buildings county-wide, giving businesses another source of local information about Nashville and Davidson County.

"Having 'Nashville in 3D' available via Google Earth will provide a convenient, cutting-edge showcase for all our city has to offer, including our neighborhoods, business districts, and recreational, cultural, and entertainment amenities. This is a tool that will undoubtedly contribute to our economic development success."

"We are pleased to see Nashville and Davidson County choose to contribute 3D data as part of the Cities in 3D Partner Program," said JL Needham, Manager of Public Sector Content Partnerships at Google. "The Cities in 3D Program represents a continuation of our efforts to engage with content providers, including government agencies, and provide them with tools for making the information they produce more accessible to Internet users."

Metro Government currently uses computerized mapping to help businesses identify potential sites which

meet their size, zoning, and access requirements. Providing 3D data gives businesses another means to evaluate potential sites on which to expand. Countywide coverage also provides prospective home buyers a great way to visualize a neighborhood's built environment.

Planners and potential investors will be able to superimpose proposed buildings into the existing skyline, examine current buildings, and analyze both existing and potential structures over an area of more than 500 square miles.

"Nashville's vibrant economy and its reputation for hospitality, creativity and livability are attracting an unprecedented level of interest from families and individuals looking for the ideal place to live and work, and from investors and businesses looking to relocate or expand their operations." Paul Ney, Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development

The Metro Planning Department began experimenting with 3D models in the central business district several years ago as downtown development es-

calated. That modeling proved to be a valuable planning tool, as planners evaluated the visual impact new construction would have on the existing skyline. The new partnership with Google makes the 3D renderings available online via the 3D buildings layer in Google Earth™, making Nashville and Davidson County an even more welcoming environment for business investment.

Mayor Karl Dean Appoints Green Ribbon Committee

Mayor Karl Dean appointed a Green Ribbon Committee as well as an environmental sustainability manager to further develop and implement environmental policy for Metro Government.

By executive order, Mayor Dean appointed Lipscomb University President Randy Lowry and John Ingram, Chairman of Ingram Industries Inc. to serve as chairs of the committee while appointing Jenna Smith, a long-time Metro employee, as the environmental sustainability manager in the Mayor's Office.

This is important for the livability of our city for current residents and for our future economic growth. Businesses and individuals are attracted to cities with strong environmental practices and transportation options," Mayor Dean said.

"Nashville needs to be a leading city for sustainable living with clean air, clean water and plenty of preserved open space." Mayor Karl Dean

"Jenna and all of the members of the Green Ribbon Committee bring to the table unique expertise in these areas. I look forward to working with each of them."

The Green Ribbon Committee will seek community input as it develops actions for improving environmental practices throughout Nashville. Starting today, Nashville residents can share their ideas through an online survey at www.nashville.gov/mayor/green_ribbon.

Lowry and Ingram will lead the committee's efforts. Lowry, in addition to serving as president of Lipscomb, is the founder of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law. He also is an annual visiting professor at the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School, a nationally recognized leader in environmental law and policy programs.

Employee Highlights

Rick Harris Joins Codes Department

Rick Harris has joined the Department of Codes and Building Safety as its newest plans examiner, according to Terry Cobb, department director.



“Rick brings a great deal of experience to our department and will enhance the level of service we provide,” Cobb said. “As we move toward a web-based plans review system, his computer technology skill will be complimentary to our services.”

Harris, who holds a degree in architecture from the University of Tennessee, worked the past five years as manager of architectural design and construction services for the Metropolitan Government for the Department of Finance. In this capacity, he managed seven staff members and managed projects totaling more than \$20 million.

Prior to Metro, Harris was a facility Manager for USAA Realty Company where he provided a wide range of services including space planning, web-based assistance programs to efficiency studies. In addition, Harris was a planning analyst for the State of Tennessee for the Department of Finance and Administration.

Harris is preparing to test to become a LEED Accredited professional with the US Green Building Council. He is past president of the Nashville chapter of the International Facilities Management Association and past president of the Nashville AutoCAD Users group.

Cobb also stated; “Now that Rick has joined our Plans Review team, we are once again fully staffed.”

Save The Date - October 18th 12th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 18th at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course. This year will again be a 4 person scramble with teams made up on a blind-draw. The \$60 entry fee includes greens fee, cart, great lunch, & more prizes.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. Various sponsorships will be available.

Last year’s tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in a record \$24,000 being donated to three local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

We look forward to this year’s event and to surpassing last year’s donations to the local charities.

Below: Golfers get ready to “saddle up” as they get ready for the Shotgun Start.



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