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Forest Lake Embraces Innovation: Launches Online Building Permit Portal for Residents and Contractors

Forest Lake, April 2, 2024 — The City of Forest Lake is proud to announce the launch of its highly anticipated online building permit portal, revolutionizing the way residents and contractors interact with the city's permitting process. This cutting-edge initiative marks a significant step forward in streamlining procedures, enhancing accessibility, and fostering efficiency in the community's development endeavors.

With the new online portal, residents and contractors can now apply for building permits from the comfort of their homes or offices, eliminating the need for in-person visits and paperwork hassles. This user-friendly platform offers a seamless experience, guiding applicants through the process with clear instructions and intuitive interfaces.

Mayor Mara Bain expressed excitement about the launch, stating, "The introduction of the online building permit portal reflects our commitment to modernizing city services and prioritizing convenience for our residents and partners in construction. This innovative solution not only simplifies the permitting process but also ensures timely approvals, enabling projects to move forward smoothly."

Key features of the online building permit portal include:

24/7 Accessibility: Applicants can submit permit applications at any time, providing unprecedented convenience and flexibility.

Digital Document Submission: Gone are the days of printing and mailing documents. The portal allows for the secure upload of all necessary paperwork.

Real-Time Status Updates: Users can track the progress of their applications in real-time, reducing uncertainty and delays.

The City of Forest Lake is dedicated to providing friendly and efficient city services that enhance the quality of life for those who visit, work and live in the community.

Mobile Compatibility: The portal is fully optimized for mobile devices, enabling on-the-go submissions and updates.

Forest Lake City Council Member Leif Erickson emphasized the portal's role in enhancing transparency and accountability. "By embracing digital innovation, we are enhancing communication and accountability between the city and its residents. This portal empowers our community members with greater visibility into the permitting process, fostering trust and collaboration," said Council Member Erickson.

The launch of the online building permit portal underscores Forest Lake's commitment to leveraging technology to enhance quality of life and promote economic development. As the city continues to grow and evolve, initiatives like this reaffirm its position as a forward-thinking community dedicated to meeting the needs of its residents and stakeholders. For more information and to access the online building permit portal, please visit <https://ci.forest-lake.mn.us/167/Building>

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