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## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

## Exciting News!

In response to our continued pursuit of efficiency and customer service, Fayette County Permits & Inspections Department has received approval from our Board of Commissioners to implement New Electronic Document Submission and Plan Review Software. Our goal is to provide a product that is "Best in Class" and one that allows Permits and Inspections to be one of the first if not the first totally paperless Building Departments in the state.

The new software will be implemented in a two Phase approach. In the first phase, users will register and upload all documents for their Permit and Plan Review submittal online, providing for a complete electronic experience. In addition, once received by our department, all submitted documents will be simultaneously distributed to the reviewing departments (except Environmental Health). Each Department will respond to the applicant individually concerning their project issues, additional information requirements or correction details. Users will have the capability to track the progress of their projects as they flow through the departments and system. As part of this phase we will no longer accept Environmental Health paid receipts to begin the Permitting Process. Environmental Health department approval must be submitted with the Building Permit Application online.

Additionally with this phase we will become the one stop shop for accepting all Fire Marshal Plans through the Permits and Inspections Portal. All Fire Marshal Plans will be submitted at the time of Building Permit submission (No longer submitted prior to applying for a Building Permit). All fees for the Fire Marshal for Plan Reviews etc. will be collected by the Permits and Inspections Office. We will also begin accepting all Zoning Sign/Banner and Trailer Permits through this new portal as well as begin collecting the appropriate Zoning permit fees for these types of permits.



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This first phase will allow some of our departments to enhance their efficiency in serving our customers as well as become totally paperless at the same time (paper Permit or Plan Review submissions will no longer be accepted over the counter). Look for Phase I to be rolled out in early to mid-September timeframe. The Permits & Inspections web page now has a new link added to allow contractors, homeowners and others to begin registering their companies or individuals on the new system prior to going live. The new link is listed below:

## Online Application / Plan Review Powered by SagesGov

In Phase II we expect to replace our existing Permitting software. This is a more intense process and will take much longer to implement (Q2/17) but will bring more user functionality and capabilities including the capability to make all payments online and schedule inspections through the new system. More on Phase II as we get closer.

As part of this Notice to Industry and effective 6/1/2016 - we will be implementing the following changes to the inspections we require for projects. <u>Please Note:</u> The inspections we remove do not alleviate the particular area from being code compliant; it is the builder's responsibility to make sure this compliancy is maintained.

We will be *eliminating* the following *Residential Only* Inspections:

- Shower Liner Test
- Plumbing Pool
- Final Pier Blocks Manf/Mobile
- Final Site Prep Manf/Mobile
- Final HVAC Manf/Mobile
- Final Plumbing Manf/Mobile



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We will be <u>eliminating</u> the following <u>Commercial Only</u> Inspections:

- Wall Cover-UP Plumbing
- Wall Cover-UP HVAC
- Wall Cover-UP Electrical
- Ceiling Cover-UP Plumbing
- Ceiling Cover-UP HVAC
- Ceiling Cover-UP Electricl

We will be *adding* the following *Commercial Only* Inspections:

- Wall Cover-UP P/H/E
- Wall Cover-UP Frame/Insul
- Ceiling Cover-UP P/H/E
- Ceiling Cover-UP Frame/Insul

Please bear with us as we transition and migrate to our new and modern way of doing business. Do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. We have other exciting changes coming your way so stay tuned.

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