



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

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**Date:** January 23, 2014

**Subject:** Demonstration of Public Geographic Information System (GIS) and My Building Permit (MBP) Websites

### RECOMMENDATION:

City Council receives a short demonstration of the new Public GIS and MBP websites.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Development Services continuously strives to assist our customers and the following two major technological changes are currently underway:

- **Public Access to Kirkland GIS [Maps.Kirklandwa.gov](http://Maps.Kirklandwa.gov)**
  - ✓ Public access to the Kirkland GIS was recommended in the 2013 Zucker and Associates Development Services Organizational Review. The study stated that Kirkland's GIS was best in class, customers requested access to it, and staff time could be saved by allowing the public to view and utilize it.
  - ✓ The Information Technology Department began working on the project in the third quarter of 2013 and launched the Public GIS link on February 1, 2014.
  - ✓ The demonstration will illustrate that the Public GIS is very robust; it provides almost all of the information to the public that is available to staff.
- **MyBuildingPermit.com**
  - ✓ MBP is a consortium of 14 cities and counties. The City of Bellevue hosts MBP.
  - ✓ MBP was initially launched in Kirkland in 2002 and offered only simple, over-the-counter permits (trade permits), such as water heater replacements, electrical permits, etc.
  - ✓ In 2011, MBP ePlan (Phase I) was launched which expanded MBP's offerings from simple over-the-counter permits to less complex plan review applications.
  - ✓ In July 2013, MBP released Phase II of the ePlan site which opened up the ability to apply for all development activity applications online.
  - ✓ Each jurisdiction is implementing the application types on their own timeframe.

- ✓ To date, Kirkland has implemented Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Sign, Fire, and Land Use applications. By March 2014, all Development Services applications that Kirkland offers will be available through MBP.
- ✓ One way the public can gain access to MBP is through the new Public GIS site (this will be demonstrated).