Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Engineering User Guide

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SUBMITTING AN ENGINEERING APPLICATION ONLINE

Step 1: Launch Web Browser.

Launch your web browser and navigate to the City of Watertown's Accela Citizen Access,

https://aca-prod.accela.com/WATERTOWNNY/Default.aspx. It is recommended that you use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.

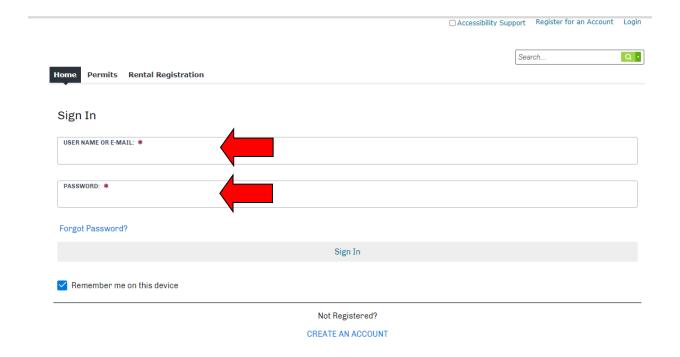
Before you begin, be sure to allow pop-ups in your web browser.

For instructions on how to allow pop-ups in **Google Chrome**, read more here: https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95472?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en

For instructions on how to allow pop-ups in **Internet Explorer**, read more here: https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/search?query=allow%20pop%20ups%20in%20edge

Step 2: Login.

Enter your "User Name or E-mail" and "Password" into the designated fields. If you do not have a User Name and Password, review the document, Accela Citizen Access: Guide to Creating an Account.



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For the purposes of this demonstration, we will be creating an Excavation Permit. Please note each application will have different document requirements.

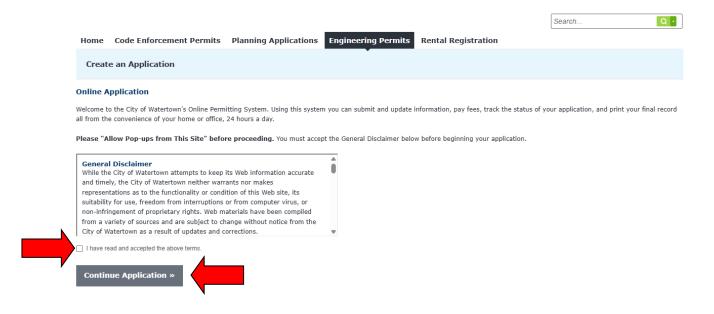
Step 3: Create Permit Application. To begin the application process for Engineering Permits, click "Engineering Permits" and select "Create an Application".



Be sure to allow pop-ups.

After you have reviewed the Disclaimer section, check the box "I have and read and accepted the above terms".

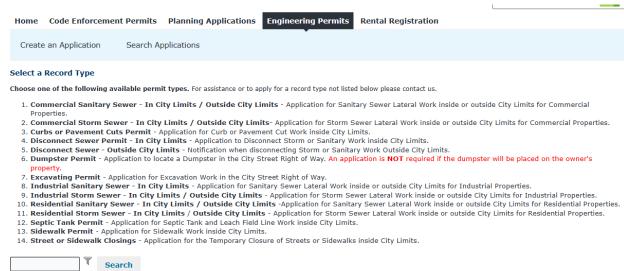
Click "Continue Application" to continue.



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Step 4: Select a Record Type and click "Continue Application". Click the icon to expand the Engineering Record Type list and then select the appropriate application type.





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Select a Record Type

Choose one of the following available permit types. For assistance or to apply for a record type not listed below please contact us.

- 1. Commercial Sanitary Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits Application for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Commercial
- 2. Commercial Storm Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits- Application for Storm Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Commercial Properties.
- 3. Curbs or Pavement Cuts Permit Application for Curb or Pavement Cut Work inside City Limits.
 4. Disconnect Sewer Permit In City Limits Application to Disconnect Storm or Sanitary Work inside City Limits
- 5. **Disconnect Sewer Outside City Limits -** Notification when disconnecting Storm or Sanitary Work Outside City Limits.
 6. **Dumpster Permit -** Application to locate a Dumpster in the City Street Right of Way. **An application is NOT required if the dumpster will be placed on the owner's**
- 7. Excavating Permit Application for Excavation Work in the City Street Right of Way.
- 8. Industrial Sanitary Sewer In City Limits Application for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Industrial Properties.

 9. Industrial Storm Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits Application for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Industrial Properties.
- 10. Residential Sanitary Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits Application for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Residential Properties.

 11. Residential Sanitary Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits Application for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Residential Properties.

 11. Residential Storm Sewer In City Limits / Outside City Limits Application for Storm Sewer Lateral Work inside or outside City Limits for Residential Properties.

 12. Septic Tank Permit Application for Septic Tank and Leach Field Line Work inside City Limits.

 13. Sidewalk Permit Application for Sidewalk Work inside City Limits.

- 14. Street or Sidewalk Closings Application for the Temporary Closure of Streets or Sidewalks inside City Limits.





Continue Application

Click "Continue Application" to continue.

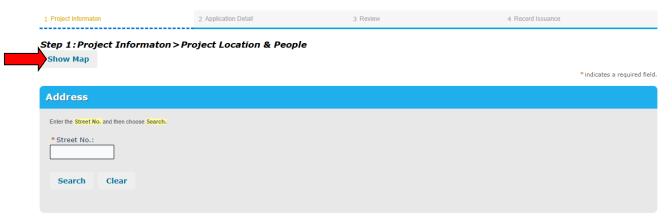
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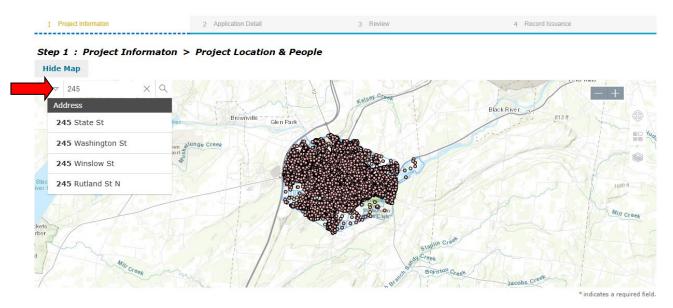
Step 5: Project Address. In this step of the Engineering Application process, you will give details about the location of the property. You have two options to do this, i.e. add the address from the map, or add an address without the map.

a. Add address from the Map

Select "Show Map" right above the Address section to see the map view.



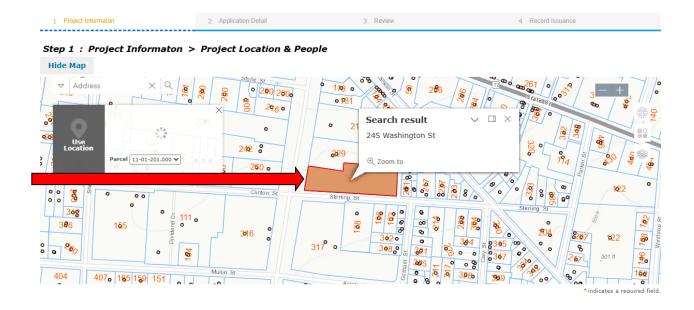
Enter the permit site address in the search bar. E.g. 245 Washington St.



Select the Parcel that was found which will then highlight the parcel.

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Then click on the "Use Location" box and the Address, Parcel and Owner information will be auto populated to the relevant fields. Note: In situations where there are multiple Associated Owners, please select the Owner that will be the main point of contact for the application.



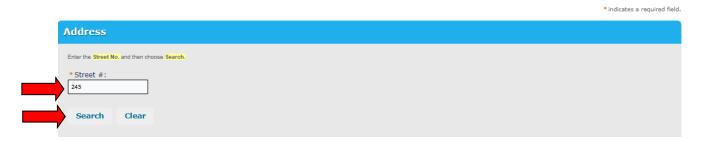
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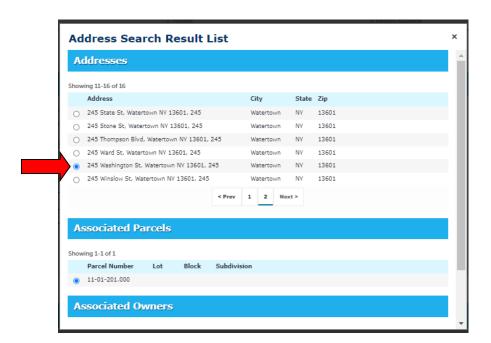
b. Add Address without map

Enter the permit site address. To do this, you will need to search for the property's street number. Enter the *Street Number* into the "Street No." field and click "Search".

For example, if the property you are looking up is 123 N Test St., you will enter 123 into the "Street No." field.

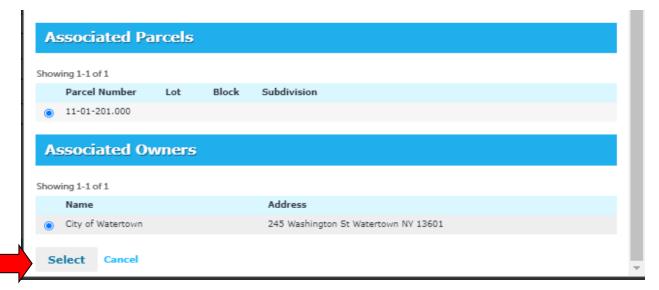


Select the correct address from the list using the radio button.



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After clicking "Select" the "Parcel" and "Owner" sections will automatically populate for your convenience. Note: In situations where there are multiple Associated Owners, please select the Owner that will be the main point of contact for the application.

Click "Continue Application" to continue.

Step 6: Add Applicant Contact Information. Click "Select Existing Contact" to add the Applicant contact information associated with this Account (for example, the Homeowner). Or click "Add New" to add a new contact.



Here are the steps for "Select Existing Contact"

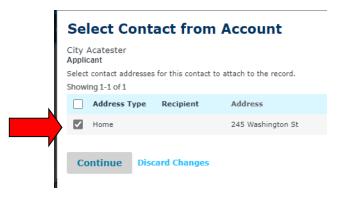
Select an Associated Contact and click "Continue".

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Select Contact Address and click "Continue".



Click "Continue Application" to continue.

Step 7: Add Contractors /Subcontractors. Click "Look Up Contractor" to search for contractors/subcontractors from our database. If the contractors/subcontractors are not found, then click "Add New Contractor".



Selecting the "Contractor" or Other Related License Type -

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To help narrow the search, select the License Type (for example, Contractor), and the enter the "Name of Business". You are not required to enter the full Business Name here, just provide enough information to narrow the search.



Select the Contractor and click "Continue".

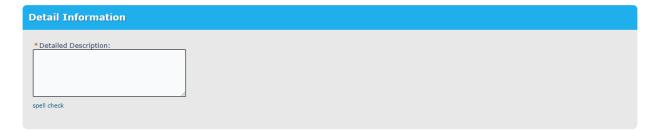


Click "Continue Application" to continue.

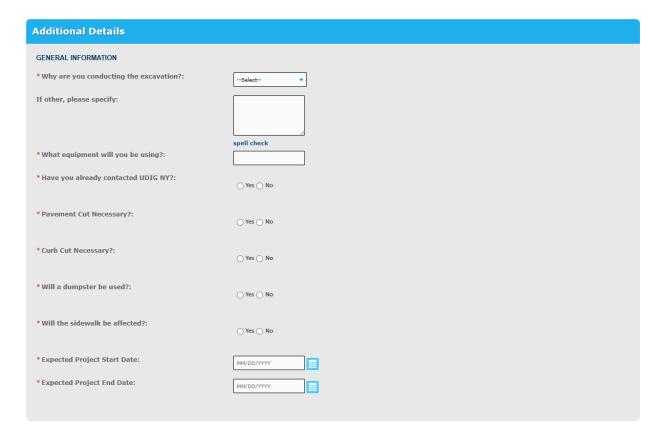
Step 8: Enter Detail Information. Enter Full Project Address with a complete description of the project.

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Step 9: Enter Additional Application Information. Most of these fields are required.



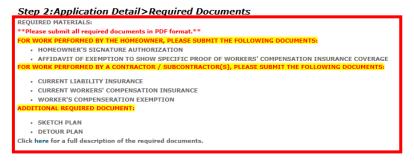
Once you've entered all the project details, click "Continue Application".

Step 10: Add Attachments. Add required documents to this application for review, the list of required documents can be located under step 2.

To add documents, click "Add"

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* indicates a required field.



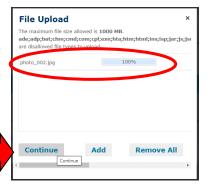
Click "Add" again.



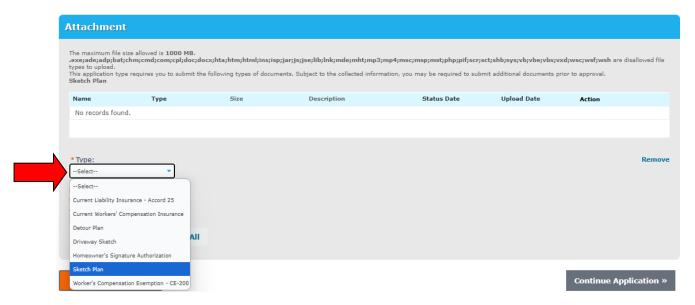
Find the document(s) you want to upload and select, then click "Continue".

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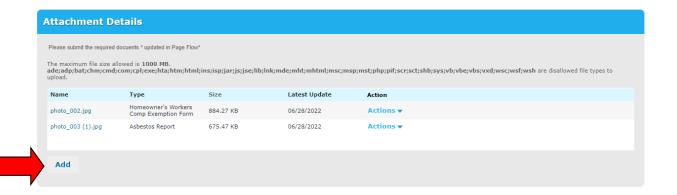




Select File "Type".



Click "Save" to finish adding Attachments or click "Add" to add another Attachment. You can add as many documents as required for the application.

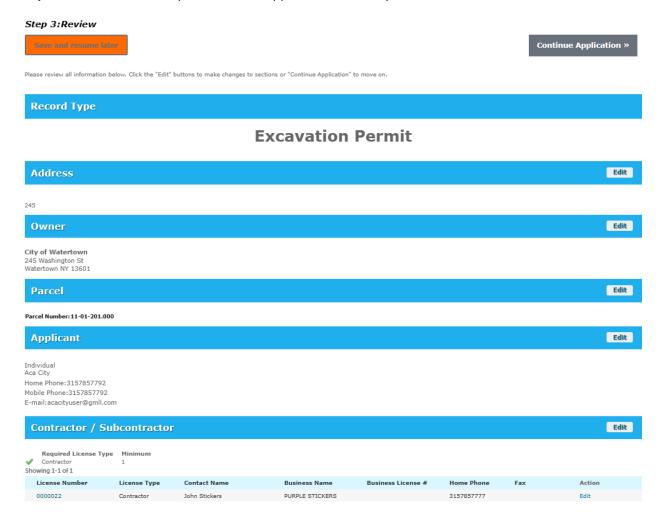


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Click "Continue Application" to continue.

Step 11: Review. The next portion of the Application enables you to review and edit all information.



After you've reviewed your application and verified that the information is accurate and complete, select the checkbox to confirm this, and click "Continue Application".

In consideration of the above privilege being granted (I) (we) hereby covenant, and agree that (I) (we) will, at all times while said street shall be used or cased to be used by (me) (us) for the purpose above stated, cause any obstruction therein to be PROPERLY GUARDED by day, and GUARDED and LIGHTED by hight, so as to prevent accident to the lawful users of said street and will INDEMNIFY and SAVE HARMLESS the City of Watertown from any and all liability which it may incur by reason of (my) (our) entry upon said street, and in the use thereof as aforesaid, from any accident, or damage resulting therefrom; and that (I) (we) will leave said street in the same condition, as nearly as may be, as it was before such entry and use, and will keep the same at all times during such use free and open for public travel.

Failure to remove any obstruction placed or caused to be placed by (me) (us) in said street as aforesaid upon the expiration of this permit shall NOT relieve me from liability for any

Failure to remove any obstruction placed or caused to be placed by (me) (us) in said street as aforesaid upon the expiration of this permit shall NOT relieve me from liability for ar accident occurring thereafter and on account thereof.

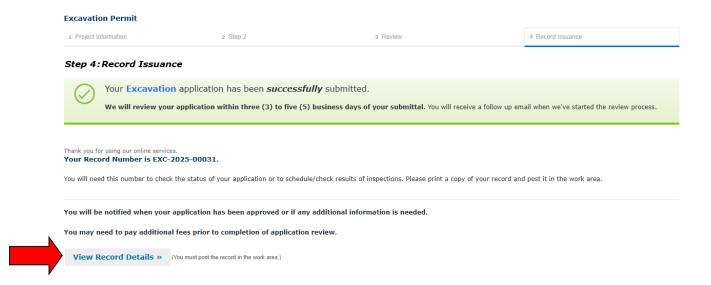
□ By checking this box, I agree to the above certification.

Date:

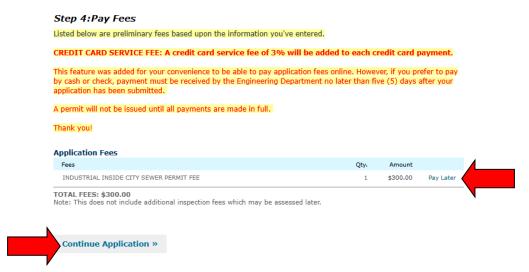
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Step 12: Application Submitted. Your Engineering application has been successfully completed. Your application will now be reviewed, and you will be kept updated of the status of this application via email.



Step 13: Pay Fees (if applicable). Review application fees for correctness. If paying fees now, click "Continue Application"; else select "Pay Later" to pay the application fees later.

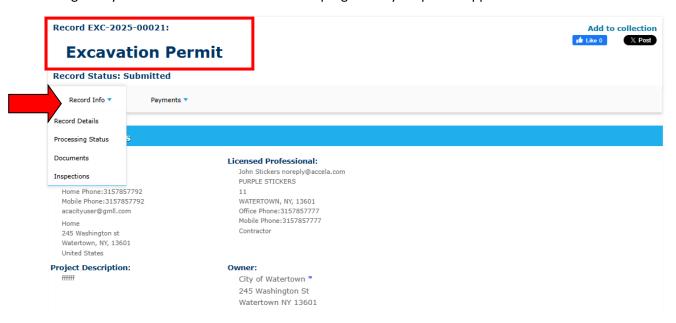


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Step 14: View Record Details.

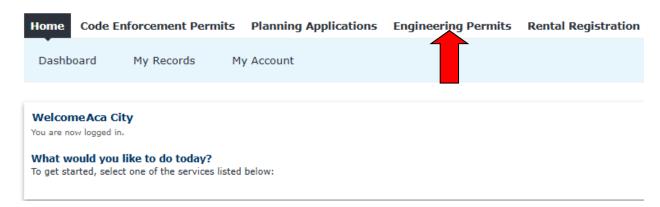
If you click on the "View Record Details" shown in step 12, you will be taken to the Record (Permit Application). You will be able to see pertinent information such as Record Status and Expiration Date. As well as other information such as the Application "Processing Status" and "Attachments". You are free to log in at your convenience and monitor the progress of your permit application.



PAYING FEES ONLINE (PAY LATER)

For your convenience, you can pay your permit application fees online. You will be prompted to pay the fee when you submit the application, if you select "pay later" here are the steps for paying later:

Step 1: Login to your Accela Account and select "Engineering Permits".



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Step 2: Select the application and click "Pay Fees Due".



Step 3: Review Application Fees and then click "Continue Application".

Listed below are preliminary fees based upon the information you've entered.

CREDIT CARD SERVICE FEE: A credit card service fee of 3% will be added to each credit card payment.

This feature was added for your convenience to be able to pay application fees online. However, if you prefer to pay by cash or check, payment must be received by the Engineering Department no later than five (5) days after your application has been submitted.

A permit will not be issued until all payments are made in full.

Thank you!

Application Fees

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Fees	Qty.	Amount	
COMMERCIAL OUTSIDE CITY SEWER PERMIT FEE	1	\$550.00	Pay Later

TOTAL FEES: \$550.00

Note: This does not include additional inspection fees which may be assessed later.



Step 4: Enter "Credit Card Information" and click "Submit Payment".

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Payment Options
CREDIT CARD SERVICE FEE: A credit card service fee of 3% will be added to each credit card payment.
E-MAIL RECEIPTS: Please enter a valid email so that you can receive your payments receipts once your payment has been processed.
Amount to be charged: \$5.00
Pay with Credit Card
Credit Card Information:
*Card Type: *Card Number: *Security Code: ①
Select ▼
* Name on Card:
Credit Card Holder Information:
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E-mail: (?)
Submit Payment »

Step 5: Review Payment Confirmation.



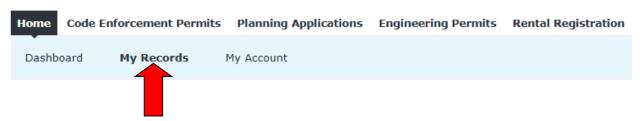
Step 6: Review Payments. Applicants can also go to the "Payments" tab to review payment information.



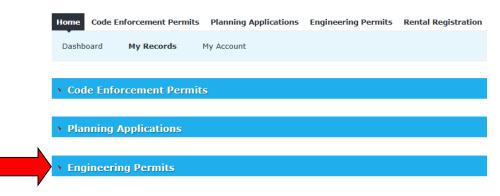
MEETING CONDITION(S) OF APPROVAL ONLINE

The required documents are important in the approval process. If these documents are not submitted, then the conditions for approval have not been met. You will be notified if any required documents are missing. For your convenience, you can submit the required documents online. Here are the steps:

Step 1: Login to your Accela Account and select "My Records".



Step 2: Click on the Arrow next to Engineering Permits.



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Select the appropriate application.



Step 3: Click on "View Conditions".



Review the list of conditions. In this example, you are required to submit a Driveway Sketch, and a Sketch Plan.

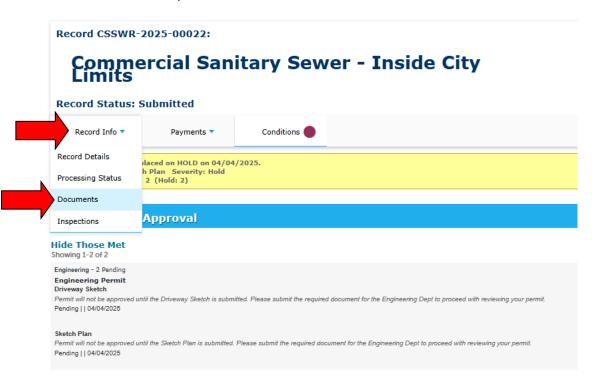


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Step 4: Submit Documents.

Click on "Record Info", then "Documents".



Click "Add".



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Click "Add" again.



Upload the "Driveway Sketch" and "Sketch Plan" documents. You may upload these documents one at a time or add both at once.

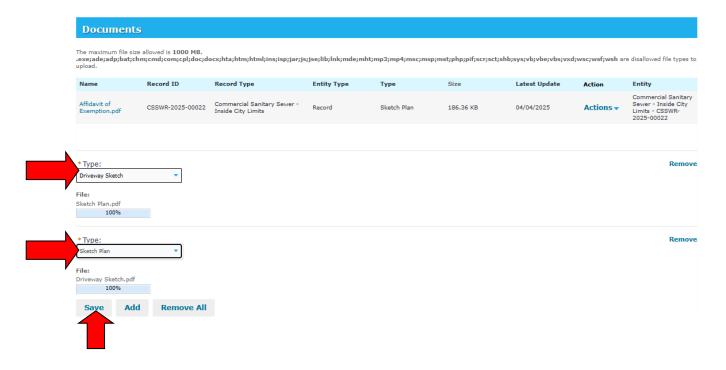
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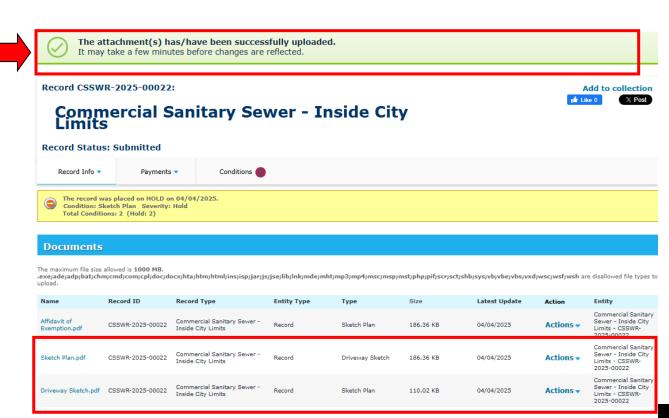
Add "Type" and click "Save".

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Review attachment confirmation message.



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Once the document(s) has been submitted, the Engineering Department will be notified of this. An Engineer will then review the document(s) and remove the condition(s) if appropriate at their earliest convenience. Once the conditions have been removed from the application, the application will be processed accordingly.

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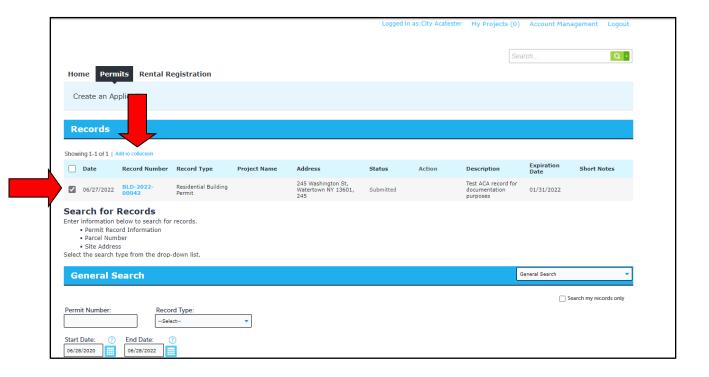


Appendix – Additional Information

ADD TO COLLECTION (Optional Feature)

This feature may be useful for license professionals who work on multiple projects. The professional can create a folder for each project, manage the numerous permits associated with said project, and pay all associated fees online.

Step 1: Go to Permit Records page and select the record(s). Then Select "Add to collection".



Step 2: Enter a collection "Name" and "Description" and click "Add".

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Your collection has been created. You can quickly access this collection, by clicking on the "My Projects" link on the menu bar.

