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### **\*\*Now Available\*\* Online Permits for Detached Garages and Demolitions**

Builders and contractors can now [apply](#) for demolition and detached garage permits [online](#). These can be applied for individually or added to a house permit project (including the Expedited Program). This convenient service includes online application, payments and status reports.

This is a first step in moving simple residential development and building permits online to complement the existing single detached, semi-detached, garden suite and row house applications.

For more information contact, [eservices@edmonton.ca](mailto:eservices@edmonton.ca).

### **Liquor Stores: How far apart should they be from each other?**

The City is seeking input on the Zoning Bylaw regulations that control how far apart new liquor stores should be from existing liquor stores and other uses, such as parks and schools.

Feedback is being accepted through an [online survey](#) that will remain **open until July 23, 2018**.

Feedback collected will be compiled with other research and stakeholder input to inform a report to Urban Planning Committee on the impacts of liquor stores and options for regulating liquor stores differently than current practice.

For more information, please visit [edmonton.ca/liquorstorezoning](http://edmonton.ca/liquorstorezoning)

### **Busy Summer Ahead as UFBT Continues Planning and Development Services Improvements**

The Urban Form Business Transformation (UFBT) Initiative is continuing its work to help make planning and development services at the City more efficient and effective.

July is a busy month for the team focusing on the next round of improvements. Based on all feedback/suggestions received so far, we are developing a plan for service improvement projects that will take place over the next 16 months! We're excited to share this plan with the industry later this summer.



What else is happening?

- UFBT is working on a financial business model and policy update. Development of a financial model will improve forecasting, enable scenario planning and help to inform decision making. The revised policy will be presented to City Council in the fall.
- The expanded [Expedited Program](#) and [Footing and Foundation inspections](#) changes are now in full swing! Expanded online service for detached garages and demolitions are now available for contractors and builders.
- The UFBT team is currently surveying industry to establish a baseline to help us measure the success of our improvements. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the [Customer Satisfaction Survey](#) before July 13th - we need your input!
- We are continuing additional research to help us better understand the needs of our customers. The results will help inform process improvements. This includes telephone and in-person interviews with industry members focused on the planning side of City services.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the UFBT Initiative. If you have any questions or comments, please email the team at [uftransformation@edmonton.ca](mailto:uftransformation@edmonton.ca).

### **\*\*Revised\*\* Footing and Foundation Inspection Process**

The refined footing and foundation inspection process was launched on June 22. Builders may have received the response *no inspection required* when attempting to schedule a footing and foundation inspection online. Builders in greenfield neighbourhoods who have a history of success on their footing and foundation inspections will have received this response.

**Please remember that all builders must continue to request a footing and foundation inspection for every project.**

The success of this change is dependent on builders continuing to do great work!

For more information, visit the Notices and Service Changes section of the [Safety Codes Inspections website](#).



## **Have Your Voice Heard...Planning & Development Services Survey**

The City of Edmonton strives to provide planning and development services that meet or exceed customer needs and expectations. As the Urban Form Business Transformation Initiative considers process improvements, we need your feedback. Our Customer Satisfaction Survey will only take a couple of minutes to complete. It is crucial to help us understand where we can improve so please [tell us how we are doing](#).

For more information on how we're evolving planning and development services, contact: [uftransformation@edmonton.ca](mailto:uftransformation@edmonton.ca)

## **\*\*Revised\*\* Engineered Floor/Roof Layouts- Onsite Approvals**

Minor revisions to engineered floor/roof layouts may now be left onsite to be reviewed by the field inspector. There is no need to submit these revisions back to the plans examiner for processing. Please ensure that the proposed change is clearly reflected for the inspector.

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