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LISA H. FREUND – Director

Message from the Director

I am pleased to present the first Public Services update for 2019. In the first six months our focus has been on you—our customer—to ensure we are providing the best building and land use permitting experience possible. For example:

- Check out our new streamlined application forms [here](#). They have been redesigned to make them easier and faster for you to complete.
- We have launched an online system so you can conveniently check the status of your submitted application [here](#).
- Coming soon: we will be testing online submittals for a limited number of applications.

We have also been meeting with customers to understand your specific business needs. We intend to continue this practice, and you are always welcome to contact me at lisa.freund@co.yakima.wa.us to set up a meeting time.

I look forward to working with you. -Lisa H. Freund

Assistant Building Official Announced

Public Services has promoted Marivel Garcia to be our new Assistant Building Official. Marivel has worked for Public Services for 14 years, most recently as the Senior Project Coordinator processing all Commercial building permits. We are excited and privileged to have Marivel in this position. Her work ethic will continue to drive our Building Division to improve the processing of applications.

FEMA Flood Maps 2019 Update

FEMA has released preliminary special flood hazard area maps for North Fork and South Fork Cowiche Creeks as well as the upper Naches River along Hwy 410, approximately 1,000 properties are to be affected. Flood maps can be reviewed [here](#) and questions regarding the preliminary maps can be directed to Dianna Woods at (509) 574-2300.

Small Works Roster moving to MRSCrosters.org

Contractors and consultants looking to work on small works projects must register their company, for free, at www.mrscrosters.org and add Yakima County to the account. Resolution 140-2019 approved the move of the Small Works Roster to be hosted by the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC).

Permits By The Numbers

2019 Building Permits Submitted

- 556 Building Permits
- 41 Manufactured Home Permits

2019 Planning Permits Submitted

- 54 Conditional Use Permits
- 48 Boundary Line Adjustments
- 26 Short Plats
- 2 Long Plats

2019 New Well Permits Issued

- 26 Water Rights Permits

Changes have been made to our [General Application Form](#) and a select few of our Planning Division applications. These changes will help improve the processing and intake of applications.

Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Portal—A convenient way to check the status of your permit

By visiting www.yakimacountypermits.us you can conveniently search for your permit, select “record info”, and look at the current status in our workflow. Public Services has been working towards providing a way for property owners and their consultant/contractor to look up the status of their submitted application. For some applications you can even see what documents we have associated to the application. This site will be improved as feedback is received.

Later in the year we intend to support online submittals for a limited number of applications.