



March 3, 2020

City of Auburn
Jason Krum, Department of Community Development
25 West Main Street
Auburn, WA 98001

RE: MyBuildingPermit.com

Dear Mr. Krum,

On behalf of the nearly 2900 members of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS), I'm writing in support of the City's efforts to bring permitting online through MyBuildingPermit.com and the associated fee on permits to fund and utilize the technology enhancements.

The residential construction industry continues to realize cost savings from municipal investments in technologies to streamline the permitting process and offer online services. Through this investment, the homebuilding industry and the City will benefit from:

- Reduced costs and time savings associated with the management and production of large volumes of paper documents and plan sets
- Fewer visits to City Hall
- Streamlined review and issuance process
- Regional consistency and simplicity for applicants

Online permitting will save both time and resources for the City as well as applicants. However, these high value customer enhancements do not come without costs. After consideration and review, MBAKS is pleased to support a 3%-5% permit fee to build and maintain the program within a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 425.460.8240.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Anderson
Government Affairs Manager, King County

Cc: Jeff Tate, Community Development Director