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### Register for the January Building Blocks Session

Join us for the January session of the City's monthly Building Blocks information and discussion series.



**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Online via Google Meet

[Register for free today!](#)

In the January session, David Kelly, CEO of SkyFire Energy, will present a solar design guide for builders and architects. With a drive towards net zero buildings, the optimization of solar collection areas on roofs and walls is becoming more important. David will share guidelines for reducing solar costs and improving performance to meet energy goals.

Building Blocks is a series put on by the City's Safety Codes, Permits, and Inspections team to create a forum for learning, questions, and discussions on high-performance buildings, code changes, industry best practices, and more.

Questions? Contact Justin Phill at [justin.phill@edmonton.ca](mailto:justin.phill@edmonton.ca)



### New Business Licence Bylaw

A new Business Licence Bylaw comes into effect on January 17, 2022. The new bylaw provides clearer, more consistent regulations to help reduce barriers for businesses. It also allows the City to respond more quickly and decisively to new and emerging business types.

Some of the key changes and benefits for businesses include:

- One or two-year licence option with a discounted fee for choosing the two-year option
- Discounted fee for businesses that renew their licence on time
- Simplified fee schedule, where businesses with multiple categories will only be charged a single category fee
- New, updated licence categories with clearer descriptions and licensing requirements

For more information on the new bylaw, visit [edmonton.ca/BusinessLicenceBylawRenewal](https://edmonton.ca/BusinessLicenceBylawRenewal)

## Safety Codes & Permit Updates



### New 2022 Fee Schedules are Now Online

Each year the City of Edmonton updates fee schedules as part of the fall budget adjustment process. These fees are used to fund the expenses associated with delivering and improving the services you receive. The following updates were made to the 2022 fee schedule:

- **Inflation adjustments.** The Altus Group's Canadian cost guide estimates were updated, resulting in an average adjustment of 4 per cent while other fees were adjusted 2.1 per cent, where applicable. Inflation adjustments were paused in 2021 to help support economic recovery.
- **Land Development Application (LDA) fees.** The first major increase (10 per cent) in over a decade. Edmonton's LDA fees continue to remain below Calgary and other similar-sized cities.
- **Servicing Agreements.** The first major fee increase (30 per cent) since 2004 helps align with the 2015 Collective Understanding and Agreement with industry. The City continues to work with industry on phasing fee adjustments to achieve the agreement target by the end of the next budget cycle (2023-2026).
- **Cannabis Development Fees.** With the initial surge of cannabis retail development now completed and the process streamlined, the fees have been decreased to match other development permits fees (from \$5600 to a range of \$383 to \$1103, or -93 per cent to -80 per cent, depending on use type).
- **Business Licence Fee Schedule.** A new simplified, tiered [fee schedule](#) comes into effect on January 17, 2022, where businesses with multiple categories will only be charged a single category fee. More information can be found [here](#).

For more information, please visit our [Fee Listing](#) website.

### Residential Demolition Permit Process Update: Asbestos Notice of Project

Starting February 1, 2022, where residential demolition permit applications indicate the presence of asbestos, permit issuers at the City of Edmonton will confirm that an Asbestos Project Notification has been submitted to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS). [Learn More](#)

### Update to September 2020: Garage Electrical Receptacle Requirement Changes

Effective February 1, 2022, any electrical receptacles in garages that are 30 amps or greater will require a load calculation unless there is an energy management system installed with the receptacle. This requirement is being introduced as these receptacles are increasingly being used for car chargers, which can affect the demand load on the main breaker in a home.

When there is a detached garage pad poured and a conduit run for a future garage, which is not yet built, the requirement for load calculations is not going to be required if there is a cable 30 amps or larger being run to the garage pad. However, when the garage is built, a load calculation will be required if a receptacle 30 amps or larger is being installed in the garage (for possible use as a car charger) unless there is an energy management system installed with the receptacle. A load calculation will also not be required if an RV receptacle is being installed.

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