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City of Edmonds Permit Center Will Re-Open on Wednesdays to Meet Public Demand

Restored Funding Allows Center to Open 5 Days a Week, Starting March 2

(Edmonds - WA) Starting Wednesday, March 2, the Permit Center at Edmonds City Hall will be open five days a week, including Wednesdays from 8:30 to noon, to better meet increasing public demand for its services.

“Thanks to the growing economy, public demand for the Permit Center’s services is also growing, and we are really looking forward to serving the community more fully,” said Development Services Director Shane Hope.

The Permit Center has been closed all day on Wednesdays because the volume of permits and plans was so great that staff could not keep up with the submissions. When the Permit Center is open, staff must spend additional time at the counter helping people with questions and requests. That means they have less time to review applications already submitted and need longer times to respond to them.

Last December, the City Council approved a 2016 budget that restores some staffing that had been cut during the recession. Since then, the City has focused on recruiting for the positions. The partial staff restoration will allow more work to be done so that the Permit Center can again be open to the public every day of the week.

The new Permit Center hours on Wednesday will be from 8:30 to noon. On the other four weekdays, the Permit Center will be open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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