



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Charleston County Offers New Online Services for the Public**

*Businesses and residents can now go online to find information on permits, inspections, contractor licenses, etc.*

Charleston County has added several new online services to its Web site, [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org).

The County recently implemented a new online permitting and inspection system (the direct link to this system is: <https://permit.charlestoncounty.org/CAP3.0/Default.aspx>) that allows the public to:

- Pay for, apply for and check the status of permits
- Schedule and check the status of inspections
- Pay for, renew and inquire about Charleston County contractor licenses
- Search properties for permits, inspections and plan status

The online records are limited to the areas that the County's permitting and inspection departments serve, which include the towns and municipalities of Awendaw, Kiawah, Meggett, Ravenel, Rockville, Seabrook and the unincorporated areas within Charleston County.

Citizens can also search and renew business licenses online for the municipalities of North Charleston, Awendaw, McClellanville, Rockville, Lincolnville and Folly Beach and unincorporated areas within Charleston County.

"The online system will promote 'going green' in the building and permitting process with inspections, permits and results being available as close as the nearest computer or PDA device," said Carl Simmons, Charleston County's Building Inspections Director. "The saving of gas, time and mileage by not having to come to us in person will result in a better bottom line for businesses and the public."

In the future, the flexibility of the system will allow the County to accept plans for submission and review online. "This is part of a continuing effort by Charleston County Government to improve service delivery to the public," said Dan Pennick, Charleston County's Planning Department Director.

The capability to integrate business license data with building inspections is an intricate part of the new system. Charleston County Revenue Collections Director Elbert Matthews said he is excited about the benefits the new system offers the public. "This latest online system is another part of our continued goal to bring local government services to our citizens and empower them to conduct local business transactions from the convenience of their business location or home," Matthews said.

Visit the Charleston County Web site at [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org) for news, services and up-to-date information relating to Charleston County Government. The direct link to the new online permitting and inspection system is <https://permit.charlestoncounty.org/CAP3.0/Default.aspx>.