

Buildings, Safety Engineering & Environmental Department

eLAPS / ACA (Accela Citizen Access)

"Account Management" User Guide

This user guide is designed for citizens, property owners and trade professionals

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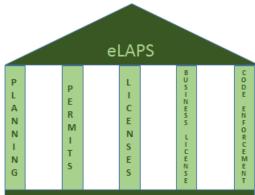
I. <u>Introduction</u>

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the City of Detroit Electronic Licenses and Permits System (eLAPS) and to help customers get started using the system, by providing step-by-step instructions for:

- · registering for an account
- logging into the system
- viewing and managing account information

The State of Michigan (SOM) Uniform Construction Code (also known as Act 230 of 1972) requires that permits be obtained by homeowners and/or licensed trade professionals before work is performed on residential or commercial structures. Michigan also regulates the licensing of trade professionals who wish to do work in the state. In addition to the State of Michigan, both the City of Detroit (the City) and Grand Rapids also issue licenses for trade professionals who live in their respective cities, and issue registrations for those trade professionals already licensed by the SOM. Various City ordinances and municipal codes also govern construction and property maintenance.

eLAPS is Detroit's implementation of the Accela Automation (Accela) software, to manage online licensing and permitting activity for the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) and permitting activity for various other City agencies. eLAPS is comprised of 5 modules: Planning, Permits, Licenses (trade licenses), Business Licenses and Code Enforcement (Property Maintenance). The ACA (Accela Citizen Access) portion of eLAPS will provide online access to the services of BSEED.



Users of eLAPS should familiarize themselves with the language of the General Disclaimer, the Permits Disclaimer, the Homeowner's Affidavits (for homeowners pulling permits to perform work on their owner occupied homes) and the Electronic Signature Certification, before using the system. You will be asked to click acknowledgement and acceptance of this language whenever you are performing various transactions in the system. These affidavits, certifications and disclaimers are necessary to ensure that users are aware of the potential penalties for willfully circumventing state law/municipal codes and ordinances, and for providing false or misleading information regarding either identity or licensing status of the person performing the work, or the nature of the work that is to be performed.

Please note that from time to time disclaimer, affidavit or certification language may be changed in the system. The City of Detroit will normally advise users when such language has been updated, but might not always do so. Therefore, it is a good practice to always review the language that is presented to you.

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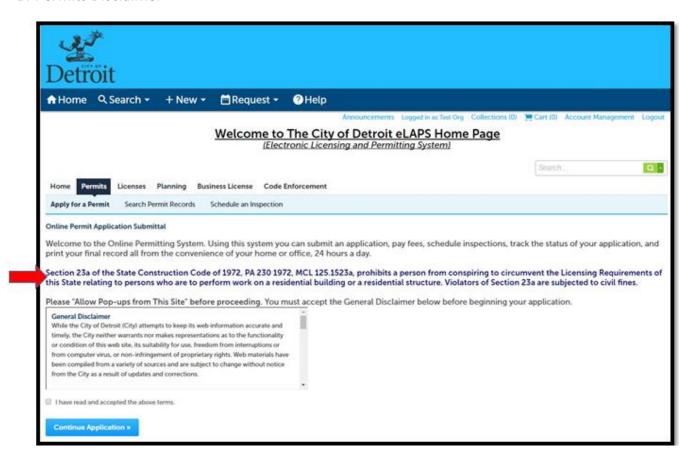
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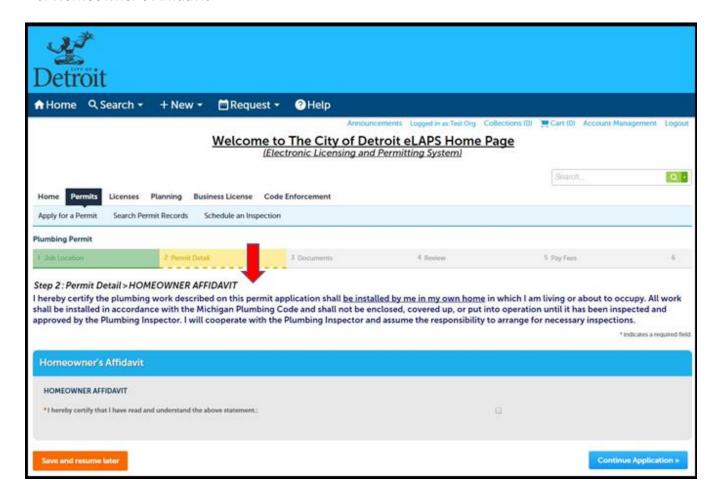
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B. Permits Disclaimer



C. Homeowner's Affidavit

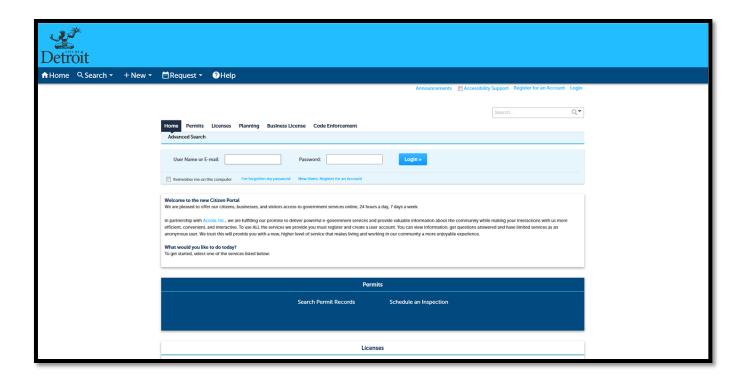


D. Electronic Signature Certification



II. <u>eLAPS ACA (Accela Citizen Access) Overview</u>

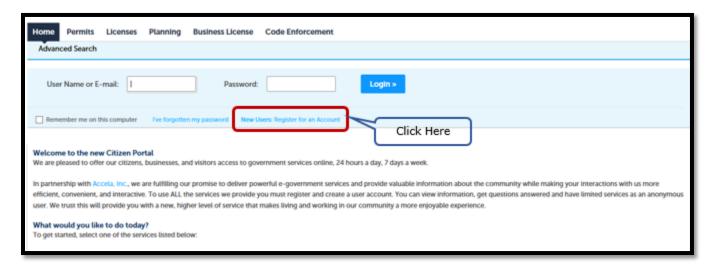
This is the home screen. From this screen you will be able to access any of the five modules, plus search for records that may exist in the system. Note that you must log in to do anything other than search for basic information.



Modules:

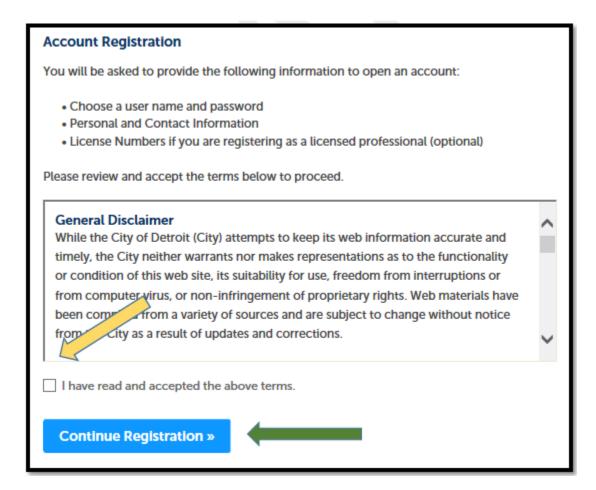
- Permits This module allows contractors and property owners to obtain the construction, trade
 and environmental permits that are issued by BSEED and several permits that are issued by other
 city agencies. Permits requiring plan review or verification of documentation will require review
 and approval by BSEED before issuance.
- Licenses (trade licenses) This module allows trade professionals to obtain a license or registration to do business in the City of Detroit.
- Planning This module allows users to submit applications covered by the planning and zoning activities in BSEED. It includes plan review and special land use.
- Business Licenses this module allows business owners to apply for a license to operate a business in the City of Detroit.
- Code Enforcement This module allows property owners to register vacant and rental properties or request pre-sale inspections.

III. Register for an Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Account



A. Registration - Step 1

Verify that you have read and accepted the terms of the General Disclaimer, check the box and then click on the 'Continue Registration' button.



B. Registration - Step 2

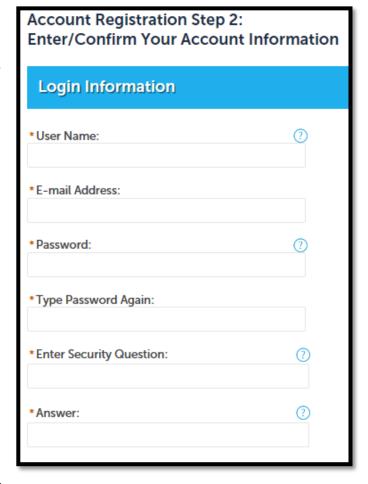
After clicking **Continue Registration**, you will be presented with the Account Registration Step 2 form. Fill in the required fields that are indicated by a red asterisk (*) in the Login Information section:

User Name: Enter a username that you will use to log in to your account. Do not use spaces in your user name and do not use your email address as your user name. Also note that your username must be unique. If the name you have chosen is already registered in the system, you will receive an error message. In this case, it is often useful to add numbers after a common username to reduce the likelihood that it will be a duplicate.

E-mail Address: This email address will be the primary point of contact regarding your online account. It can also be used to log in if you forget your user name.

Password: Enter a password for your account. Choose a password that you can easily remember. Strong passwords are **at least** 8 characters long and include **at least** (1) capital letter, (1) number (1) lowercase letter and (1) special character.

Security Question: The security question that you enter will be used to verify your identity, should you ever need to reset your password.

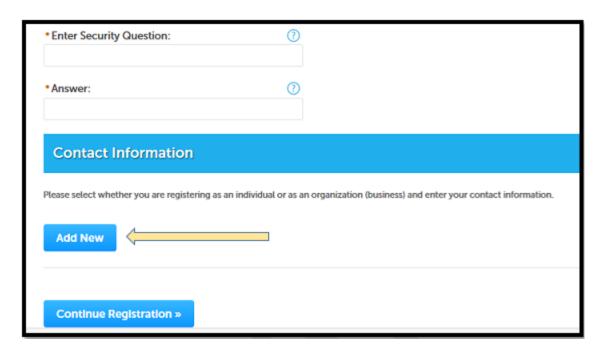


Security Question Answer: enter the answer for the security question you chose. This answer will need to be entered correctly whenever your security question is presented to you to verify your identity.

The tool tips icons will also provide you with information regarding acceptable values that can be entered into fields.

C. Contact information

At the bottom of the Account Registration - Step 2 form, there is a Contact Information section for you to add your contact information. Click on the 'Add New' button.



➤ A pop-up window will appear requesting a Contact Type be selected.



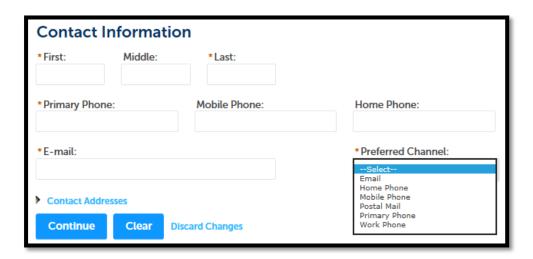
- ➤ If you are an individual who will be submitting applications, such as a homeowner or a trade professional, select '*Individual*'.
- ➤ If you are registering an account for a business or organization, select 'Organization'.

TIP: Individuals and Organizations can assign delegates to their accounts. For instance, a contractor firm can register as an **Organization**, and then delegate permission to submit applications, or perform other tasks on their records, to one or



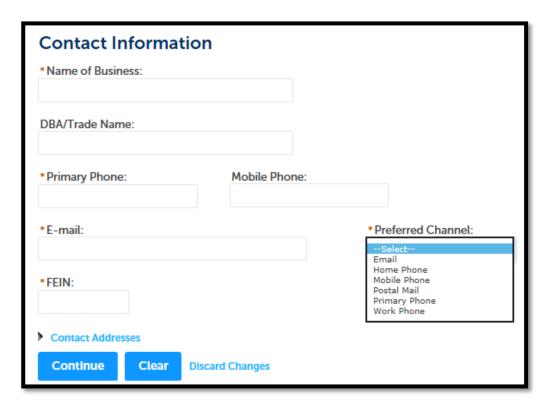
more individuals within their company. Those delegates would need to have their own **Individual** citizen access accounts. **See** *IX. Add a Delegate*.

➤ If 'Individual' was selected: Enter the required fields (*) that will enable us to contact you.



- *Please note that **Preferred Channel** refers to your preferred method of contact.
- ➤ If 'Organization' was selected, these are the fields that must be entered to enable us to contact you.

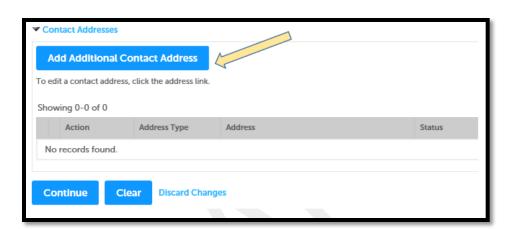
Please enter at minimum all of the required fields (*)

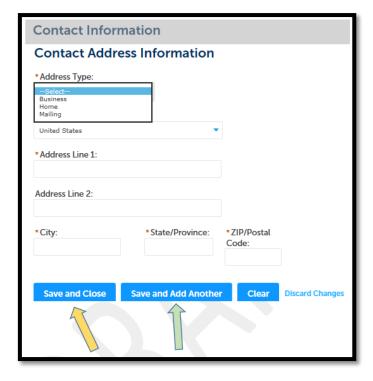


Expand the 'Contact Addresses' link by clicking on the arrowhead.



Click on the 'Add Additional Contact Address' button. Add at least one contact address and indicate if the address is business, home or mailing in the Address Type field.

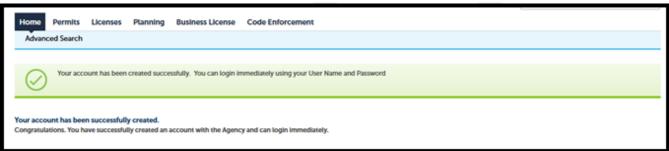




After entering your data, click on the 'Save and Close' button to complete your registration or 'Save and Add Another' button to save your address information and then add additional contacts to the registration.

Once you have completed the registration, the notifications shown below appear at the top and bottom of the screen respectively, indicating a successful registration:







You may click the Login Now button to immediately access your new account.

An email will be sent to the email address provided, with a subject of "Welcome to eLAPS!" Check your email for a message from 'commgr'. You may need to check your 'Spam' or 'Junk' folders as well.

From: Commar.

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:45 PM

To: your email address

Cc: commar

Subject: Welcome to eLAPS!

Welcome Your Name or Company. to the City of Detroit's electronic Licensing and Permitting System Portal!

Thank you for registering for an account. Please remember your User Name, password, and security question answer for future logins. Your email address will be used for communications from eLAPS.

Regards

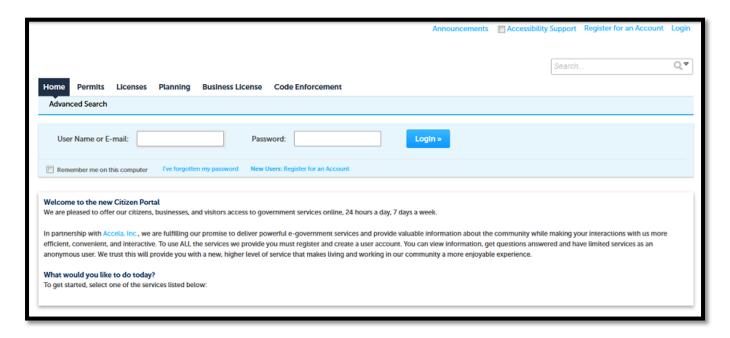
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IV. Login/Reset Forgotten Password

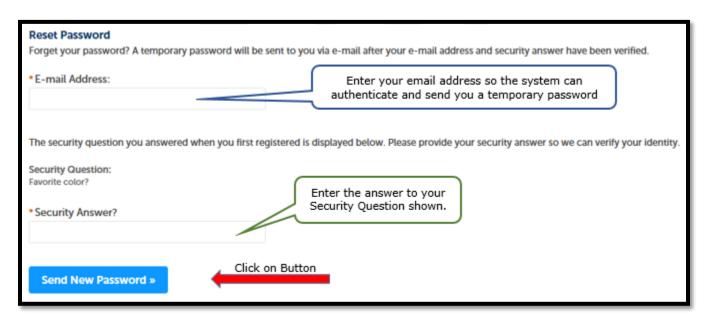
Other than the opportunity to "Login Now" after initial registration, logins take place from the Home Screen. Simply enter your username (or email address) and password. Then click the Login button.

*If you check the 'Remember me on this computer' box before logging in, the system will retain your username so that you do not have to reenter it when using the same computer. You should only consider this for a private computer.

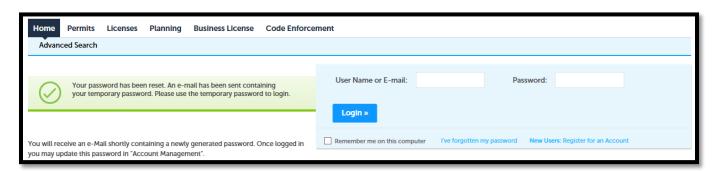


A. Reset Password Process

In case of a forgotten password, click on "I've forgotten my password" link. The system will display a screen to allow you to enter your email address and answer your Security Question.



After sending the request, the following screen appears.



Check your email for a message from 'commgr'. You may need to check your 'Spam' or 'Junk' folders as well.

Sample Password Reset Email:

From: Commgr

Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 2:29 PM

To: your email address

Cc: commar

Subject: Reset Password for Your Name

Dear Your Name,

You have forgotten or requested your password to be reset. Here is your temporary password &%1iC6

Please log in with it and create a new password.

Thank you for using eLAPS.

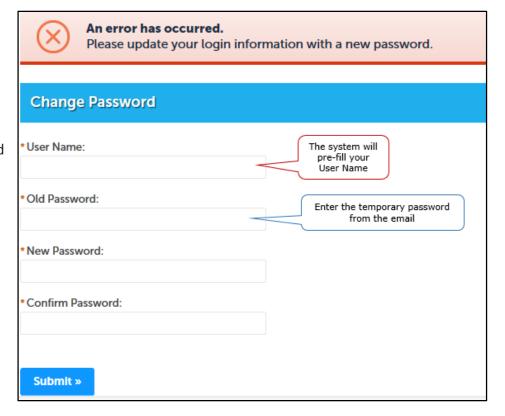
Regards, eLAPS Support

This is an automated email, so please don't reply.

B. Changing Your Password

Once you log in with your temporary password, you will receive a warning message that you must update your password by:

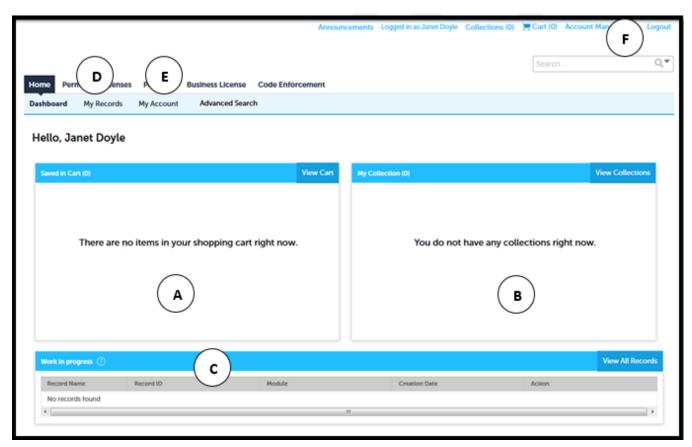
- a) entering the temporary password you were sent,
- b) entering a new password and
- c) reentering the new password.



V. <u>Account Dashboard</u>

The first page you will receive after you log in is your Account Dashboard. It will provide you with some high level information about the transactions you have in the system. From this page you can see:

- A. Items that have been saved in your shopping cart, for which you have not yet paid.
- B. Collections: This is a useful tool that allows you to group records together, providing the ability to treat them as a group for viewing, obtaining statistical information, making payments, etc. See VII. Managing Collections
- **C.** Work in Progress: The last 10 records recently created by you, but not yet completed.
- **D.** My Records link: Provides a list of all of your records.
- **E.** My Account Allows you to view and update your personal account information.
- F. Logout Link Use this to log out of the system.



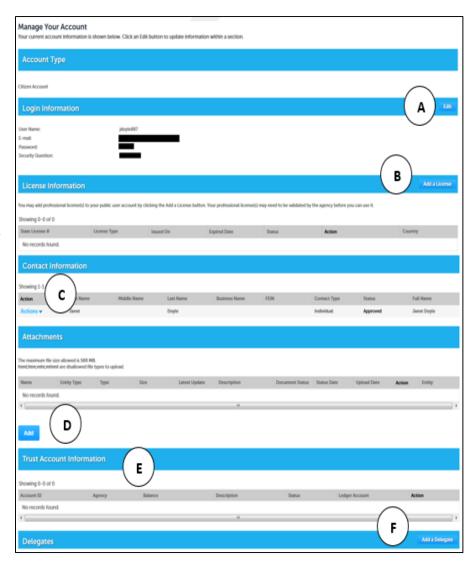
VI. <u>Manage Account Information</u>

The Manage Account page is used to view and update account information. You will reach this page by clicking either the My Account link or the Account Management link.



From this page you can do the following:

- **A.** Edit login information (You cannot change your username)
- **B.** Add a professional license to your account
- C. Update or add contact information. If you have obtained professional licenses via the system, they will appear here, as well as any licensing exams you have taken.
- Upload and add attachments (documents)to your account
- E. View and manage any trust accounts you have established for payments
- F. Delegate who can access your account and see the accounts to which you have been given delegated access



VII. Add A License

Professional Trade Licenses that are associated with your account allow you to pull applicable permits. When you apply for a new license or registration, it is normally automatically added to your account once approved. You may also manually add existing licenses and registrations that belong to you to your account by clicking **Add a License** on the **Account Management** page.

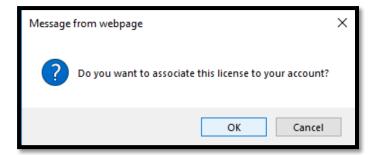
Choose the License Type and enter the License Number. Then click Find License.



Click Connect to attach this license to your account.



You will be asked to verify that you want to associate this license with your account.



Click OK to verify and you will receive notification that the license has been associated successfully. You will also receive an email advising you that your request is under review.



Your license will appear as '**Pending**' until the agency has reviewed your request to verify that this is your license. You might be asked to upload additional documentation to assist in this verification.



Once the agency has approved your request, your license will now appear on your **My Account** page as 'Approved.'

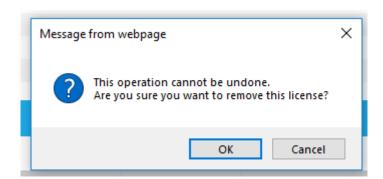


You may view details for your license by clicking the **Actions** dropdown and selecting 'View.'



You may also remove a license from association with your account under the Actions dropdown.

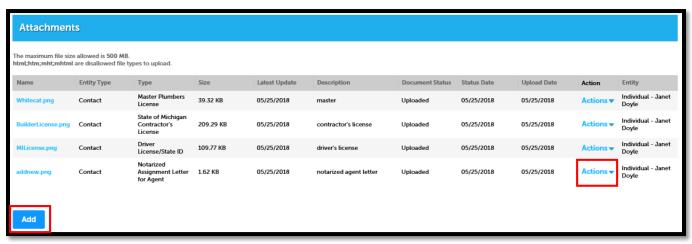
If you select Remove, you will receive a warning to verify that this is what you want to do.

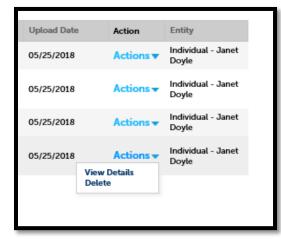


VIII. Attachments

Various transactions require that you upload documents for verification. For instance, applying for a professional trade license might require the upload of a driver's license or state ID, among other documents. The system will allow you to attach those documents that you are uploading to the record you are currently creating, and it will also ask if you want to attach the document to your account. Attaching documents to your account makes them available for easy upload the next time you need them. You can also attach documents to your account even when you are not creating a license, registration or permit record, via the **Attachments** section of your **Account Management** page.

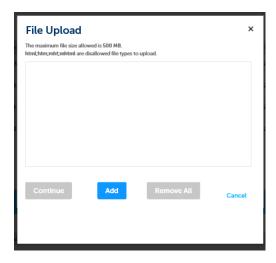
The Attachments section of your Account Management page allows you to manage your attachments by uploading documents to your account or removing documents from your account.





The **Action** dropdown gives you the option of viewing or deleting an existing attachment.

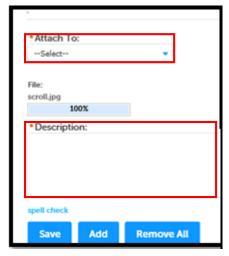
The **Add** button allows you to add new attachments. You will receive a **File Upload** popup box to browse your computer and add documents for attachment.



Click the **Add**button in File
Upload to select as
many documents as
you wish to attach,
one at a time.

When you are finished selecting documents, click **Continue.**



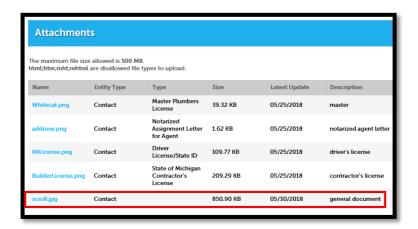


Determine whether you are attaching the document to a specific record (e.g. an existing license) or to your general account (Associated Contact). If you connect it to your associated contact, it will be available for any future transactions.



You will also enter a description for the document before clicking **Save** to attach it to your account.

The document will appear in your account without a **Type**. Type is applied to a document when it is being attached to a specific record or application that you are submitting, that requires specific types of documents be uploaded.



IX. Add a Delegate

License holders can appoint delegates to submit applications, create records and perform transactions, such as fee payment, on their behalf. The Delegate form allows the license holder to have control over the specific types of actions the delegate can take.

To add a delegate, navigate to the **Account Management** page and locate the **Delegates** section.



Click Add a Delegate to receive the popup window where you will provide the name and email address

of your delegate, and give them the permissions you want them to have. Set Add a Delegate **Delegate Permissions** determines the Enter the name and e-mail address of the person to whom you would like to grant delegate access to your account. actions they can take on your behalf. * Name *E-mail Address Check the box next to each permission Set Delegate Permission you are granting. If you click Change Delegates can view records across all categories unless you choose to restrict them to specific categories next to any permission, you can limit the View Records in all categories (Change) categories for that permission. For the following permissions, the available categories are limited to the ones that you have granted the delegate access Create Applications in all categories (Change) Renew Records in all categories (Change) Amend Records in all categories (Change) You are required to check the I'm not a Manage Inspections in all categories (Change) robot box before you can Invite a Manage Documents in all categories (Change) Make Payments in all categories (Change) Delegate. **Add Personal Note** I'm not a robot **Invite a Delegate**

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Your Account Management page now shows the delegate that you have invited. An invitation email will be sent to your delegate.



If you are the delegate and you receive an invitation email, you can navigate to your Account

Management page and the invitation will appear.

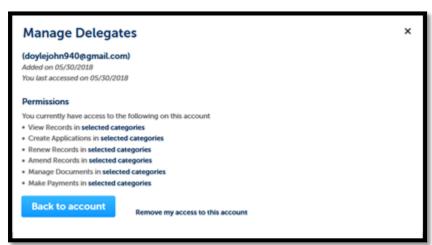


Accept the

invitation and you can now perform the approved actions on behalf of the person who invited you. Your page now reflects the people whose accounts you can access.

At any time, you may click **Actions** to view your permissions or remove yourself as a delegate.





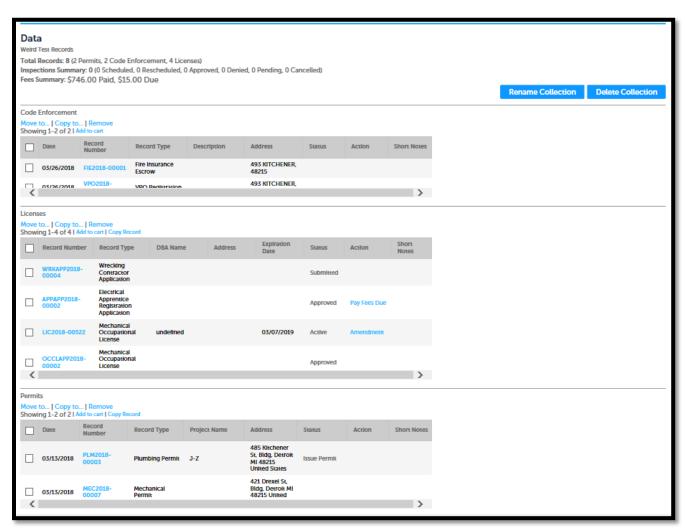
X. <u>Managing Collections</u>

The collections feature allows users to create folders to organize and manage their records. Summary information, including inspections and fees, can then be obtained for the collection.

To create a collection: Go to your records list by clicking the **My Records** link. Mark the check box next to each record you want to organize into a group. Click the **'Add to collection'** link. Enter a name and description for the group when prompted.

Click "View Collections" on your Dashboard Page, or the Collections link at the top of any web page, to go to your collections. You can rename or delete a collection at any time. Deleting a collection will not delete the records that were in the collection. It only deletes the grouping.





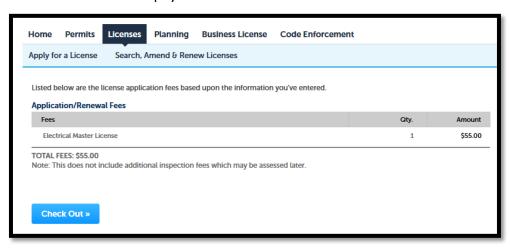
XI. Making Payments

In some cases, after you have submitted an application, and after the back office has reviewed your application and associated documents, you will receive an email that instructs you to log into your account and look for any fees that are due for that application. When you log in, your My Records page will show you which applications require payment. If you click on the **Pay Fees** link it will take you into the payment process. In other cases, your application workflow will take you right into the payment process.

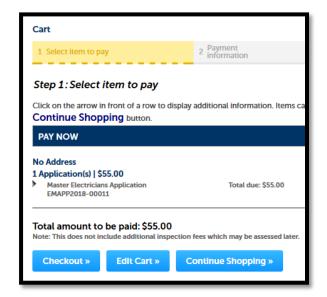
Example:



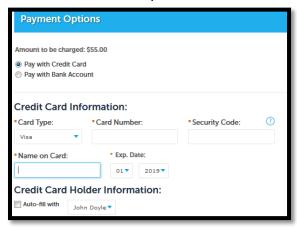
Click Check Out to select invoices to pay.



If there are multiple items, you will need to add the ones you are paying to your cart. Click **Checkout** when you are ready to enter your payment information.



The payment information page will present you with options for making a payment: by credit card or with a bank account. After you have entered your credit card information, you can select "Auto-fill with" and choose the account whose contact information you want to use. The system will auto-fill all your contact information fields with information from that account. Otherwise, you can enter each of those fields individually. Make certain that all required fields have been completed before clicking



Submit Payment.

XIII. Glossary of Terms

| TERM | DESCRIPTION / DEFINITION |
|-----------------------|---|
| Accela Citizen Access | Accela Citizen Access (ACA) is a product of Accela, Inc. The City of Detroit has configured |
| | and customized this product as the citizen access portal for licensing and permitting. |
| Address Type | Dropdown selection includes: |
| | Business |
| | ➤ Home |
| | ➤ Mailing |
| | The selection made is used to indicate the type of contact address for your registration. |
| Answer | Supply the answer to the Security Question you entered. There is a limit of twenty (20) |
| | characters. |
| Contact Type | Dropdown selection includes: |
| | Individual |
| | Organization |
| | If you are registering as the homeowner or a contractor, choose 'Individual' |
| | If you are registering as a business, choose 'Organization' |
| Password | Choose a password for your account. It must be between eight (8) and twenty (20) |
| | characters. |
| Preferred Channel | Preferred method of contact. Dropdown selection includes: |
| | ➤ Email |
| | ➤ Home Phone |
| | Mobile Phone |
| | Postal Mail |
| | Primary Phone |
| | ➤ Work Phone |
| | The selection indicates the best method to contact you. |
| Security Question | Write a question that will help us identify you if you experience account difficulties. |
| User Name | A unique sequence of characters used to identify a user and allow access to a computer |
| | system or online account. This will become part of your login. |
| | DO NOT USE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS for your USER NAME. |
| | It can be between four (4) and thirty-two (32) characters and contain letters, number |
| | and these special characters: |
| | 1. At sign [@] |
| | 2. underscore [_] |
| | 3. hyphen [-] |
| | 4. Period [.] |
| | 5. right parenthesis [) |