

# CSS USER GUIDE CITY OF HAWTHORNE CITIZEN SELF SERVICE (CSS) USER GUIDE

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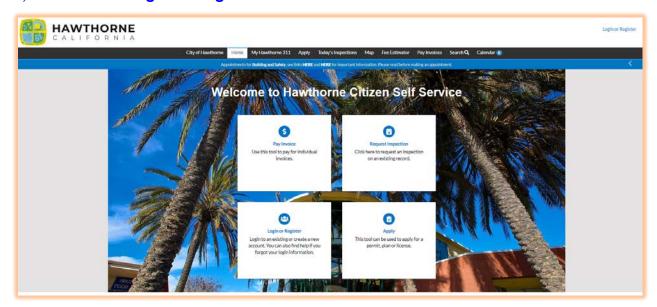
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#### 1. NEW USER REGISTRATION

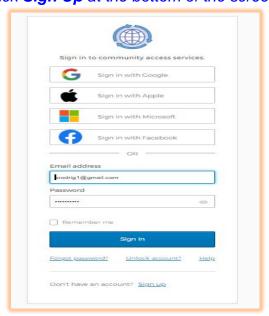
#### 1.1 HOW TO REGISTER

- 1) Begin process from the <u>Hawthorne Citizen Self Service Homepage</u>
- 2) Click on the Login or Register tile box

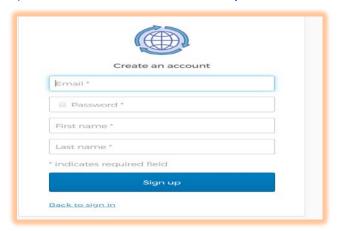


Login or Register

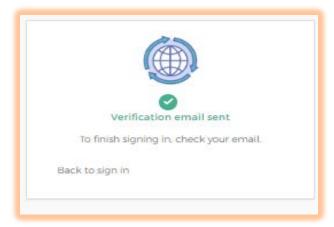
3) Click **Sign Up** at the bottom of the screen



4) Enter a valid email address, password, first and last name, and click **Sign up**.



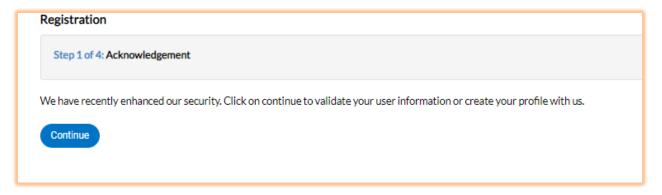
5) This will generate an email to the email address entered.



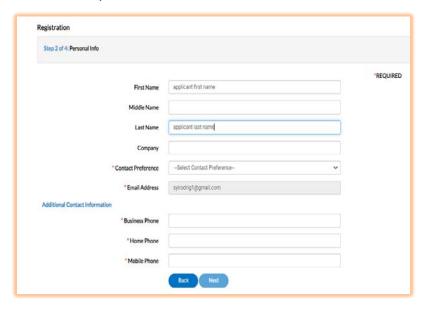
6) Check your email. You should receive a verification email which includes an Activation account link. This link will expire in 7 days.

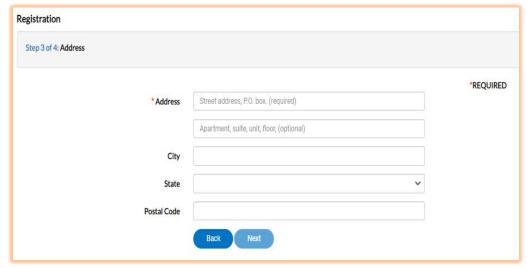


7) Once activated, you can now log into CSS. It will ask you to continue registration and provide additional required contact information such as phone number and address.

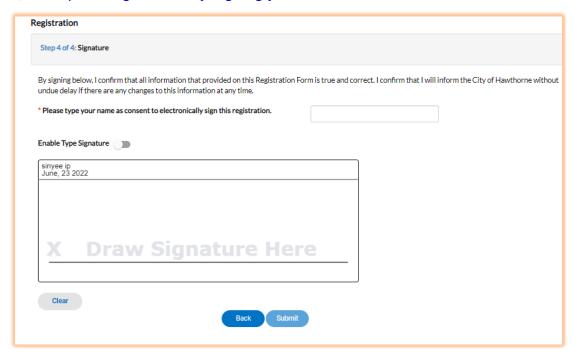


8) Enter all required contact phone number and address information (fields with red asterisks)





#### 9) Complete registration by signing your name



#### 1.2 LOG IN ISSUES

If you attempt to log in and forget your password, you can reset password by clicking the **Forgot password** link, or **Unlock account** if attempted too many times and got locked out. The links are provided at the bottom of sign in screen.







#### 2. DASHBOARD OVERVIEW

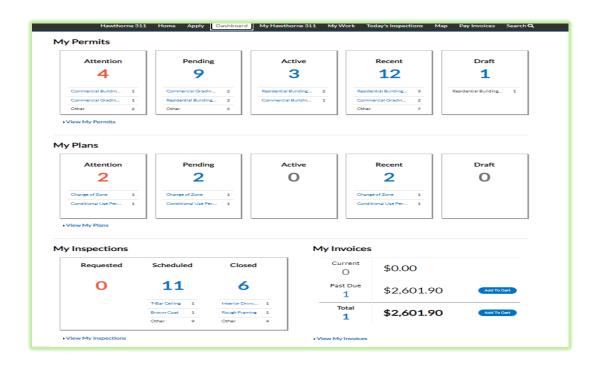
#### 2.1 KEY FEATURES



**Dashboard** is designed to provide a quick overview of status for your applications.

My Permits and My Plans sections are broken down in the same order and essentially perform the same functions for your permits and plans applications.

- 1) Attention Permits/Plans that require your attention
  - Failed inspection
  - Reviews that require Resubmittal
  - Expired Permits/Plans
- 2) Pending Your applied Permits/Plans that are under review by City staff
- 3) Active Permits/Plans that have been issued
  - You can request inspections on these permits
  - Inspections that may have failed could be found in this category
  - Find documents that can be printed
- 4) Draft Permits/Plans that are saved in draft mode, and not completed/submitted
- 5) Recent Recent Permits/Plans that you applied



My Inspections section is broken down in the following order:

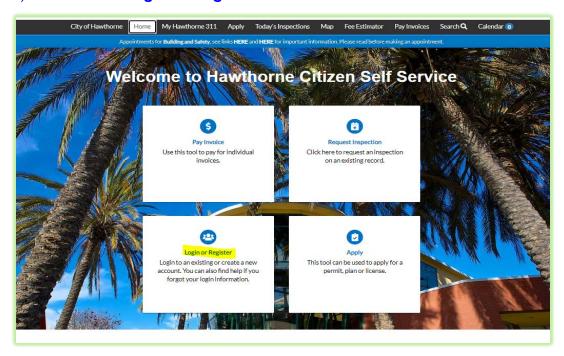
- 1) Requested Shows all your Inspections that you have requested
- 2) Scheduled Once the Inspector has scheduled an Inspection, it will move from the requested section to this section.
- 3) Closed Once the Inspection is completed, it will move to this section.

My Invoices section is broken down in the following order:

- 1) Current Shows Invoice amounts that are currently due
- 2) Past Due Invoice amounts that are past due will show here
- 3) Total Invoice amounts for both current and past due will show here

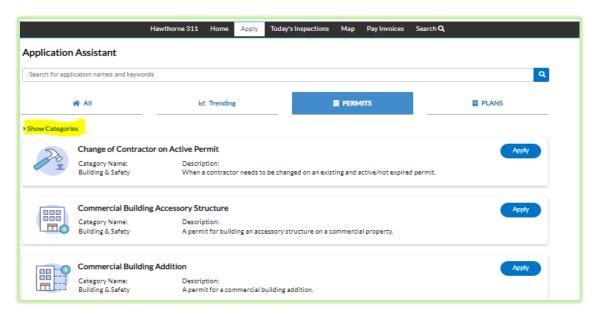
#### 3. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL PROCESS

- 1) Begin process by logging into <u>Hawthorne Citizen Self Service Homepage</u>
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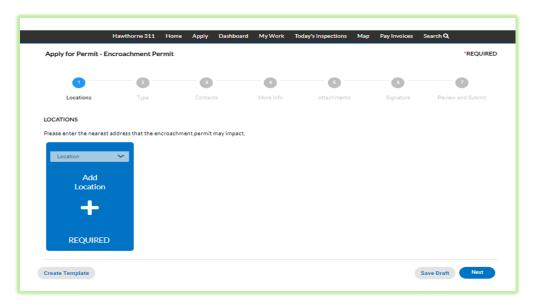


- 3) Click Apply
- 4) On the Application Assistant screen, applications are shown in alphabetical order. You're able to apply or search for permit applications in different ways:
  - You can begin your search by typing in a partial application name, and options will begin to appear or;
  - Expand the blue Show Categories to see all available categories, permit types and plan types

5) Once you choose your application, click Apply



6) Begin the process by clicking **the plus sign** to add the Address of the project you are applying for



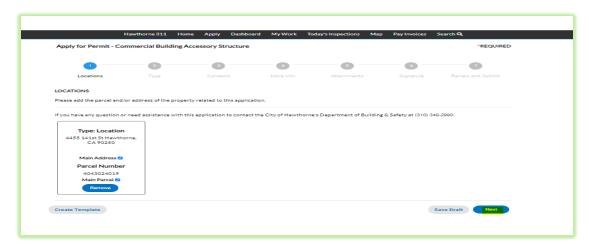
7) Then you can also type in partial address and click **the magnifying glass** to search, or use the pinpoint tool (3<sup>rd</sup> one from the left) at the top right corner, to select location on the map



8) Your permit Location will pop up in a tile on the next screen. Click the **Checkbox** and **Apply** 



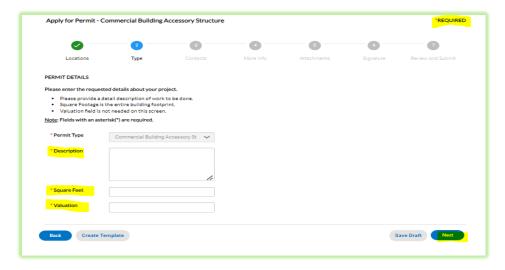
9) Then click Next at the bottom right corner, after location is selected



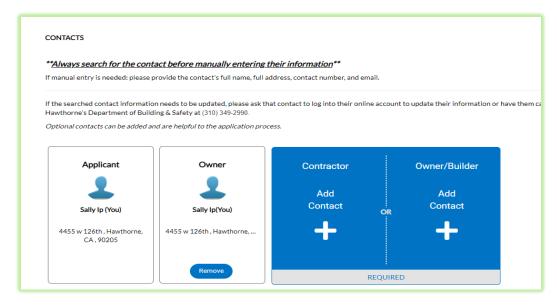
10) In case you put in an address that is outside of Hawthorne's city limits, you'll encounter a warning message as shown below.



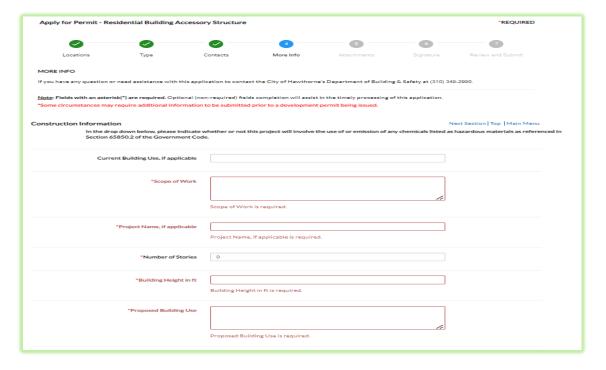
11) Depending on the type of permit you are applying for, you may be required to fill out specific information (required for field marked with red asterisk) and click Next



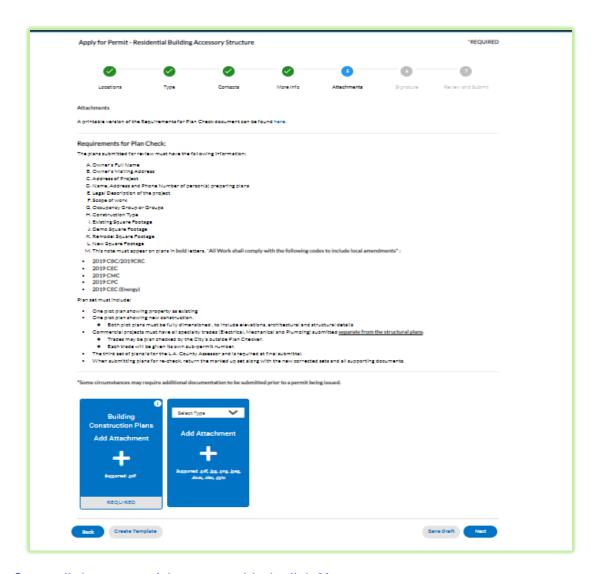
- a) Permit Type Already identified at the beginning of this process; not allowed to change at this point. Will have to start over if need to change.
- b) Description Provide clear description of proposed Scope of Work
- c) Square Feet If applicable and required, provide affected area
- d) Valuation If applicable and required, provide value of project proposed
- 12) On the next screen, add Contact to this application. Depending on the type of permit or application you are applying for, you will be asked to add required Contact type (owner, contractor or owner/builder, architect, engineer etc.) and information, click the **plus sign** to add selected contact.



13) The next section asks for information specific to the Permit/Plan Type you are applying for. Any required field will be marked with a red asterisk.



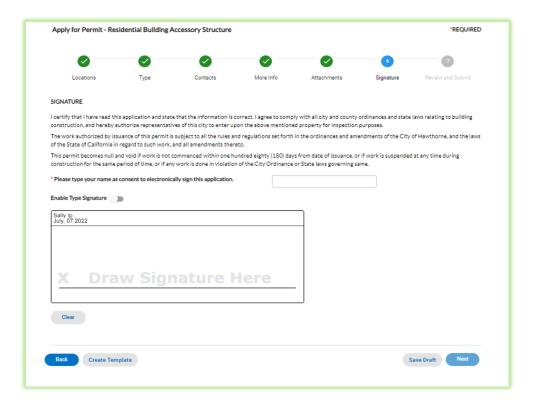
- 14) Complete all applicable information and click Next.
- 15) The next section asks for file attachments specific to the Permit/Plan Type you are applying for.
  - a) Do not upload pdf files that are password protected
  - b) Any Required documentation/plans will be listed, but if you have additional supporting documents/plans, you will select type from the drop down and click the **plus sign** to add



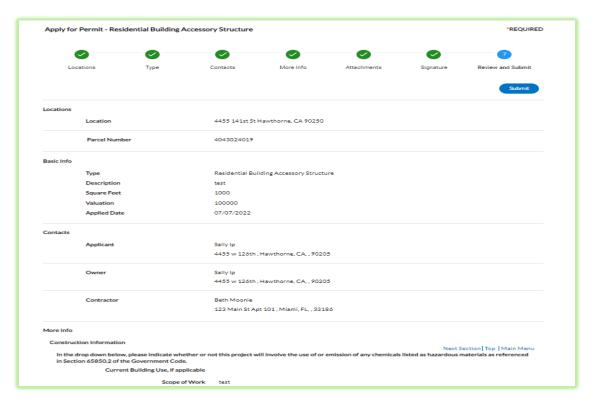
c) Once all documents/plans are added, click **Next**.

Note: Applicant or case contacts cannot upload any attachments after application has been submitted. Any additional submittals will need to be coordinated and requested via email with your Review Coordinator.

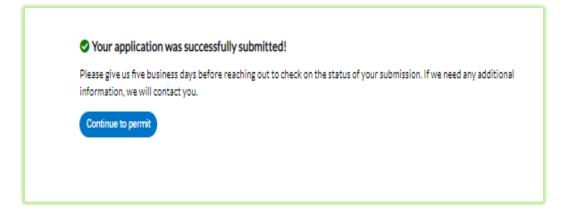
16) The next section is the signature page. You can either enable type signature or draw your signature. Once complete, click **Next**.



17) Next section is a review of everything you just completed. Scroll down and verify all your information is accurate and true, then click **Submit**.



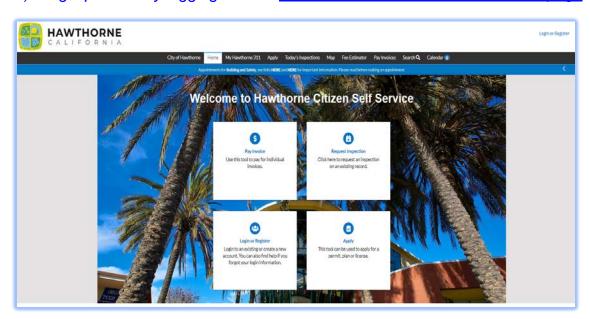
18) You should receive the below message when your application is submitted.



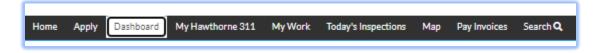
19) You have successfully submitted an application. Staff will follow up with you for the next steps of the process. You may also get status updates through your Dashboard.

#### 4. VIEWING ATTACHMENTS IN CSS

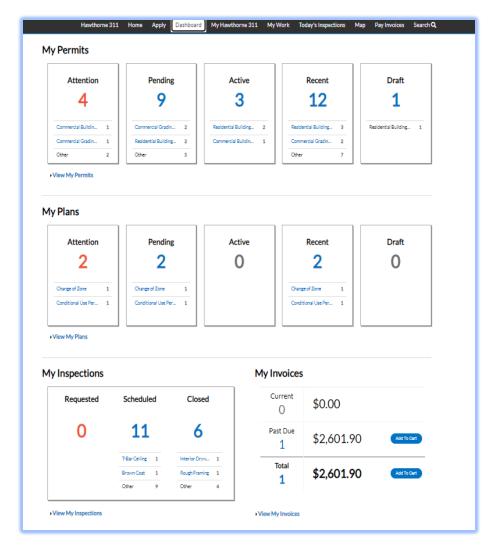
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- 2) Click on the Login or Register tile box
- 3) Click on Dashboard

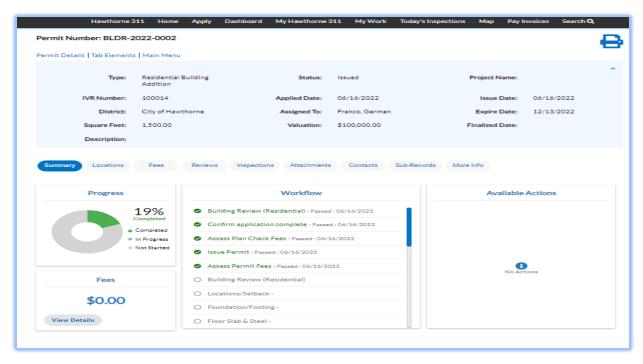


- 4) My Permits and My Plans sections are broken down in the same order and perform the same.
  - a) Attention Permits/Plans that require your attention
  - b) Active Permits/Plans that have been issued
- 5) Click on the Active or Attention tile



- 6) Locate the Permit you would like to view attachments on; these will mainly be for those that show an Active status
  - a) Click on the Permit/Plan Number
  - b) After you click on the Permit Number, you will be launched into the permit Summary screen



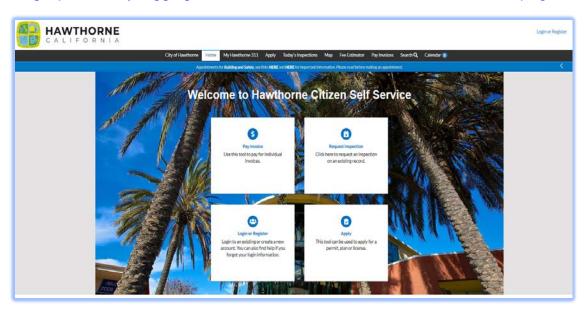


- 7) In the **Attachments** tab, you will be able to see all attachments that are available for you to view.
- a) To open an attachment, click on the blue verbiage on the attachment

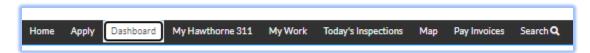


#### 5. RESUBMITTING PLAN CHECK CORRECTIONS IN CSS

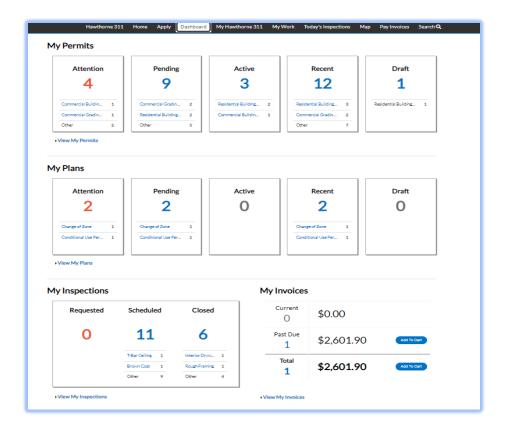
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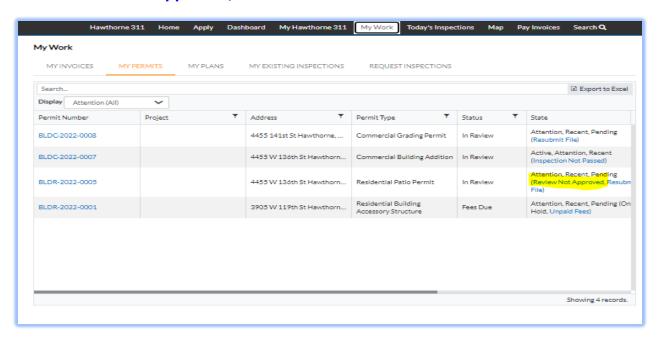
- 2) Click on the Login or Register tile box
- 3) Click on **Dashboard**



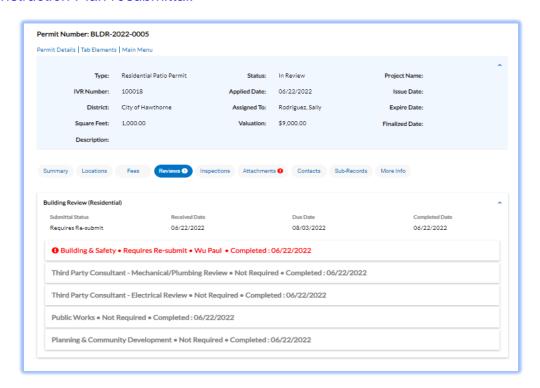
- 4) My Permits and My Plans sections are broken down in the same order and perform the same.
  - a) Attention Permits/Plans that require your attention
  - b) Active Permits/Plans that have been issued
- 5) Click on the **Attention** tile from Permits or Plans section that require your attention \*Attention = Permits/Plans that require your attention;
  - i.e., resubmittal, failed inspection, Review not approved, unpaid fees etc.



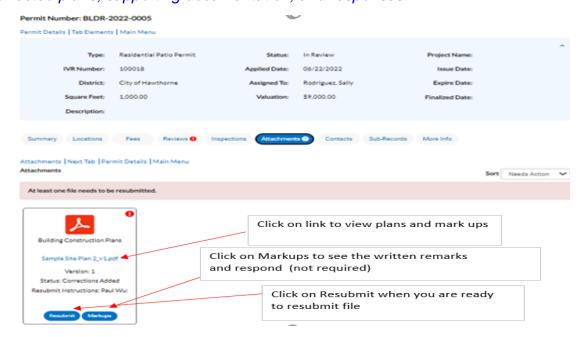
6) Once you have located the Permit/Plan under the Attention category, click the "Review Not Approved, Resubmittal File" state.



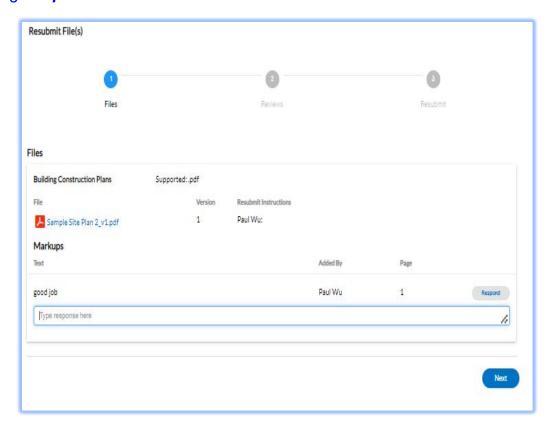
- 7) You will be taken to the Reviews tab on the permit Summary screen.
- 8) The item that requires attention is in red and marked with Exclamation mark.
- 9) This example shows the Building & Safety review that requires Building Construction Plan resubmittal.



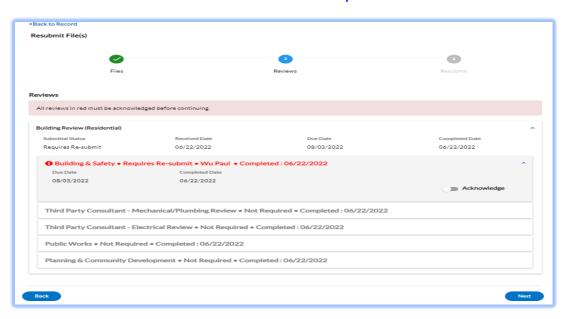
10) Click the **Attachments** tab on the permit Summary. You must resubmit corrected plans, supporting documentation, and responses



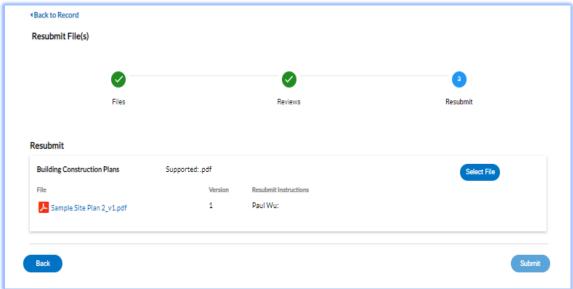
11) Proceed to click on **markups** to review what the reviewer comments and written corrections are. You can choose to respond (optional) to the comments by clicking **Response**.



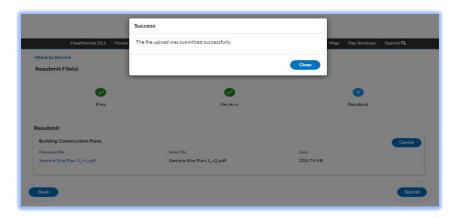
12) Then click **Next**, you will be asked to **Acknowledge** (toggle button) for any reviews that are in red to continue with the resubmittal process.



## 13)Click **Select File**, and proceed to select file, then click **Submit**



14) You should receive a successful file upload message when completed.



- 15) Here are some of the notes regarding files required:
  - a) Upload complete Building construction plans in a combined file in PDF format (Architectural, Structural, Civil, Energy)
  - b) Upload Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing files separately from the Building construction plans
  - c) Upload supporting documents (Structural calculations, Energy Reports, Geotechnical reports, Hydrology Reports, etc.) as individual PDF files
  - d) Upload Response Letters addressing all plan check corrections as separate PDF files (For example Building corrections, Planning corrections, Grading corrections, Public Works corrections, etc.)

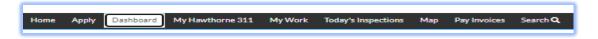
#### 6. REQUEST INSPECTIONS IN CSS

#### 6.1 HOW TO REQUEST INSPECTION USING DASHBOARD

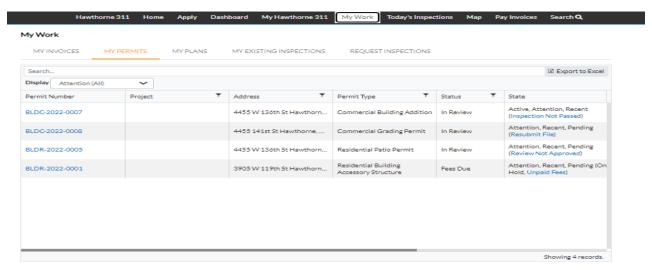
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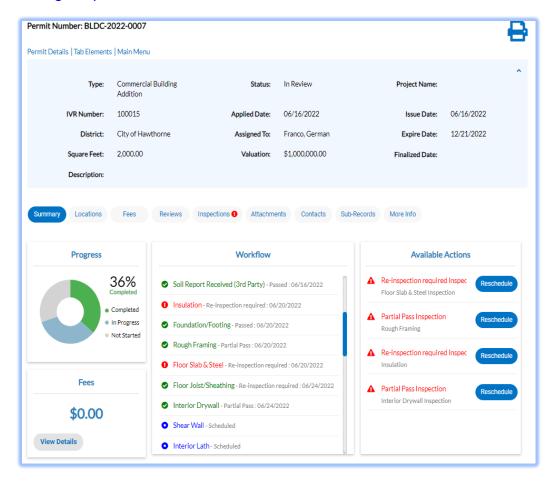
- 2) Click on the Login or Register tile box
- 3) Click on **Dashboard**

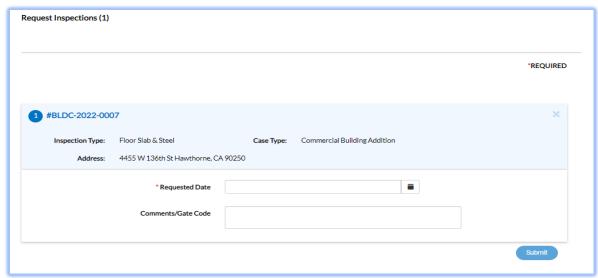


- 4) My Permits and My Plans sections are broken down in the same order and perform the same.
  - Attention Permits/Plans that require your attention
  - Active Permits/Plans that have been issued
- 5) Click on the **Active** or **Attention** tile from Permits or Plans section
- 6) Locate the permit you would like to request an Inspection on, or if an inspection failed, you will see "Inspection Not passed" under the State of Attention category

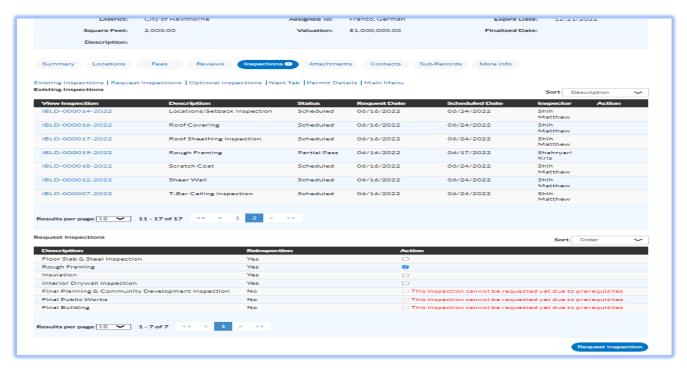


- 7) Click on the Permit/Plan Number
- 8) After clicking on the Permit Number, you will be launched into the permit Summary screen
- 9) Under Available Actions, you will see a list of inspections that are available for Scheduling Request

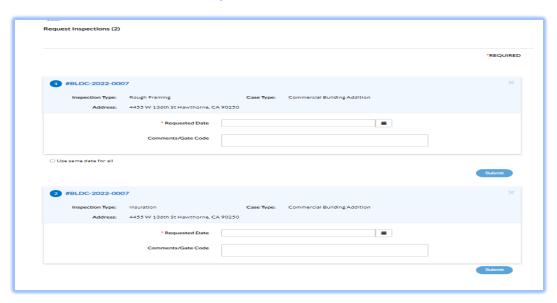




10) For Multiple Inspections; Click the **Inspections** tab, select the check box from available inspection types and click **Request Inspection** 



- 11) After the page loads, it will launch you into the Request Inspection window.
- 12) Click on the **Calendar** to the right of the Requested Date section and choose the available date you want the inspection completed. Then click **Submit**.
- 13) If you have any Comments/Gate Code, please place those in the comment section, these fields are not required

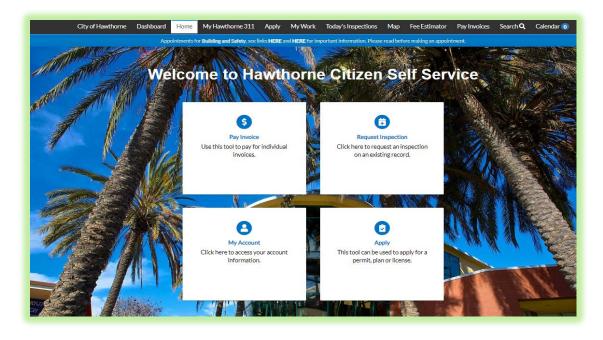


14) Once you click **Submit**, you will receive a confirmation checkmark screen that you request was completed.

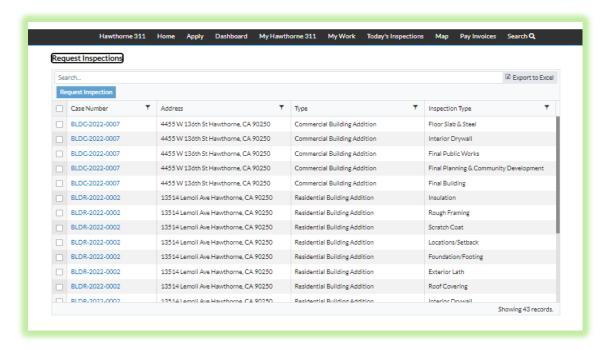


#### 6.2 HOW TO REQUEST INSPECTION BY CLICKING REQUEST INSPECTION TILE

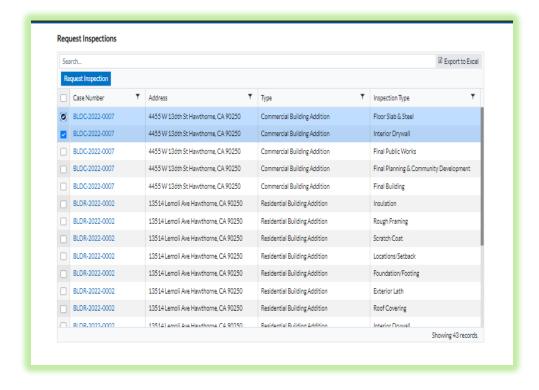
Alternatively, you can also request inspection by clicking on the **Request Inspection** tile on the <u>Hawthorne Citizen Self Service Homepage</u>

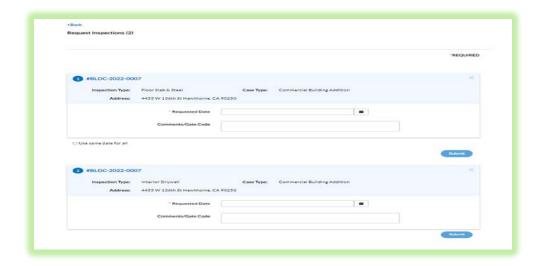


1) You would come to a screen that lists all the permit numbers and their respective inspections available for request. You can either search by the permit/plan number or just scroll down to locate the one you are looking for



2) You can click on the **checkboxes** and **Request Inspection** 



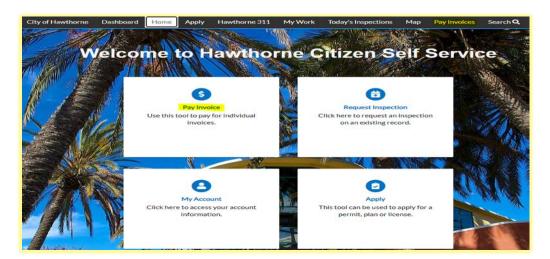


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#### 7. PAY INVOICE IN CSS

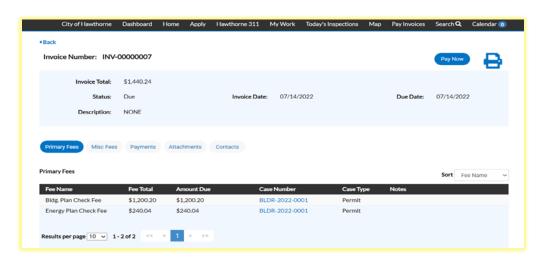
#### 7.1 PAY INVOICE FROM THE PAY INVOICE MENU OR TILE



- 1) Begin process by logging into the <u>Hawthorne Citizen Self Service Homepage</u>
- 2) Click Pay Invoice tile or the Pay Invoice Menu.
- 3) Type the Unpaid Invoice number in the Search field. Example: INV-00000007



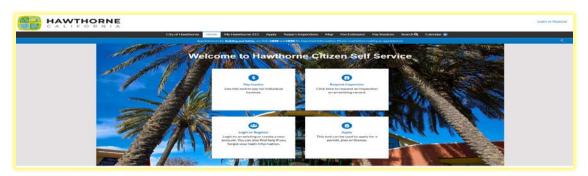
- 4) Click Search.
- 5) The Invoice Number page displays.



6) Click **Pay Now** to proceed to a payment page to complete the payment for the invoice(s).

#### 7.2 PAY INVOICE FROM DASHBOARD

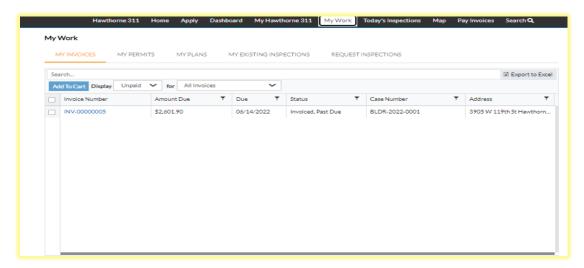
1) Begin process by logging into the <u>Hawthorne Citizen Self Service Homepage</u>



- 2) Click on the Login or Register tile box
- 3) Click on Dashboard



- 4) Contacts on the permit record can access invoices that are paid, voided, or unpaid. Invoices are accessible from the Dashboard and can be added to the electronic shopping cart.
- 5) When "View My Invoices" is clicked, the screen below displays



- 6) Current/Past Due/Total Invoices: By clicking **Add to Cart** on dashboard, you can access the Shopping Cart page where all current or past due or total invoices are listed. You may access the Invoice by clicking the Invoice Number or the case by clicking the Case Number. To remove an Invoice from the Shopping Cart, you may click **Remove** to the right of the invoice.
- 7) To checkout, you may click **Check Out** to the right of the page. This takes you to a payment page to complete the payment for the invoice(s).



