

## **Clerk, County Streamline Permitting, Commencement Notices**

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The Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Roger D. Eaton and the Charlotte County Community Development Department announced the launch of a groundbreaking, streamlined building permit application process. This innovative integration allows for electronic recording of notices of commencement directly into the clerk's official records, marking a significant step forward in inter-agency efficiency and public service.

This new system eliminates the need for citizens and their contractors to navigate between multiple government agencies to file permit applications (county office) and notices of commencement (clerk's office). By facilitating this direct electronic link between the Charlotte County Community Development Department and the clerk's official records, the process becomes seamless, saving applicants both time and money. At this time, this process includes only building department permits. Future integrations will include zoning permits.

"The collaboration between the Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Community Development Department reflects our commitment to innovative public service and efficiency," said Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court Roger D. Eaton. "This new system not only streamlines the process for our citizens, but also represents a significant step towards digital integration and environmental sustainability by reducing paper use."

"As a builder, I appreciate this effort to streamline the process for filing permit applications and notices of commencement. As a government official, I applaud the interagency cooperation between the county and the clerk's office to identify process improvements and work together to better serve our constituents," said Charlotte County Commission Chairman Bill Truex.

The new system continues the county and Eaton's push to enhance digital services that improve customer service and operational efficiency. It underscores the county and clerk's office continued commitment to utilizing technology which improves and simplifies services provided to all Charlotte County citizens.

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