Introduction To Townhouse & Semi-Detached Building Permits

General Summary

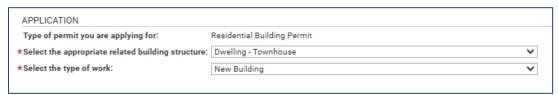
Residential Building Permits for townhouses, rowhouses or semi-detached homes have different functionality and processes the applicant must follow to allow tracking of unit-by-unit inspections and occupancy.

The Building Permit application on the customer portal, and the application process from submission to issuance for these types of permits are consistent with other residential building permit types. However, the difference is when *Related Building Structure* is Dwelling -Townhouse or Dwelling-Semi-Detached, individual sub-permits for each unit will be created when the Residential Building Permit is **Issued**. The sub-permits are created automatically by the system and are intended to allow easy tracking of inspections and the issuance of occupancy per unit.

Note: All documents, fees, holds, reviews and revisions are attached to / conducted on on the Residential Building Permit, not the sub-permits. After issuance, any changes required are requested through an amendment to the Residential Building Permit, not the sub-permits.

1. Building Permit Application

A. Select Dwelling-Townhouse or Dwelling-Semi-Detached as the Related Building Structure in the Residential Building Permit application.



B. Complete application as usual.

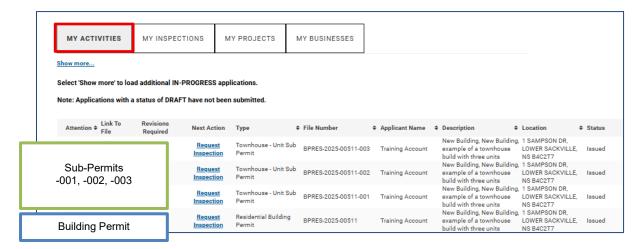
2. Building Permit Issued

C. When the Building Permit is **Issued**, sub-permits for each unit will auto-generate in a status of Issued. These will be visible on the My Activities Tab.

Sub-Permits have the same Building Permit Number and are identified by an additional three-digit suffix.

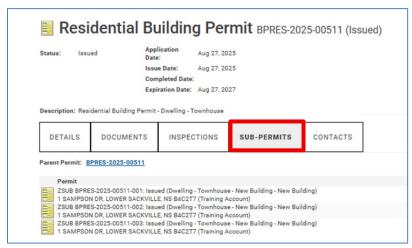
Example:

Residential Building Permit: BPRES-2025-00511 Sub-Permit for the first unit: BPRES-2025-00511-001



D. Within Townhouse and Semi-Detached permit files there is a "**Sub-Permits**" tab not present for other building permit types.

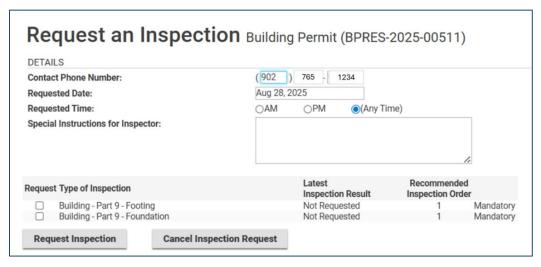
The Sub-Permit Tab allows easier management of, and navigation between, the building permit and its sub-permits.



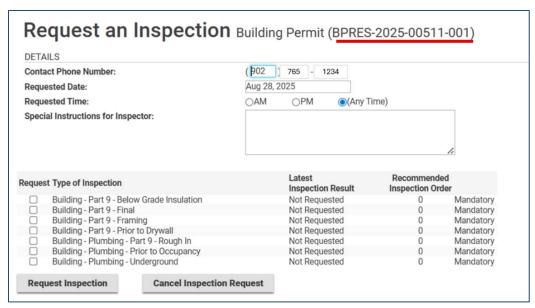
3. Inspections

There are no units associated with the Building Permit for townhouse and semidetached permits.

E. The Footing and Foundation inspections for the entire structure will be requested on the main building permit. If the structure is built in phases, multiple footing and foundation inspections will be required, one for each phase, requested on the Building Permit.



F. All remaining inspections are requested on the sub-permit for each unit.



4. Amendments

G. All documents, reviews and approvals are attached to the building permit; therefore, all amendments are made through the building permit.

No amendments on individual sub-permits are possible.

All relevant updates to sub-permits will be auto updated when an amendment is completed on the building permit.

Amendment requests for townhouse and semi-detached building permits are requested the same as any other building permit amendment request.

Amendments to add additional units will result in additional Sub-Permits being created when the Building Permit is re-issued. The additional Sub-Permits will be numbered beginning with the next number in Sub-Permit sequence.

5. Occupancy Certificates

- H. When all Inspections on a sub-permit are **Passed**, the occupancy certificate for that unit will be issued, and the related sub-permit will complete.
 - No occupancy certificate will be issued if a local hold exists on the sub-permit (related to that specific unit).
 - The occupancy certificate for the last unit will not be issued if any holds remain on the Building Permit.
 - Example:
 - Required Water or Lot Grading Permits
 - Outstanding Fees
- I. When all sub-permits are **Complete**, the Building Permit will auto complete.
- J. All occupancy certificates associated to you or your contractor account are available through the Customer Portal My activities Tab "Show More..." link "Show Completed Permits..." link.
 - a. Click the "Show more..." link



b. Click the "Show Completed Permits..." link



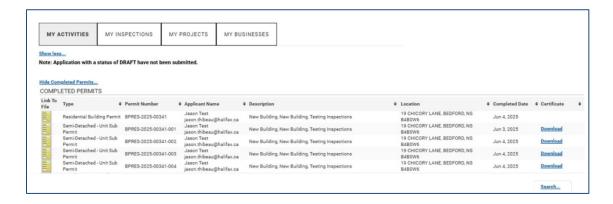
c. All Completed Permits related to your account will be listed in the **Completed Permits** table.

All occupancy certificates are available to download.

NOTE: Since there are no units associated with the Building Permit, there is no occupancy certificate for the Building Permit.

Occupancy certificates are only available for the sub-permits representing each unit.

The table can be sorted (by clicking any column header) and can be searched by selecting the "Search..." link at the bottom of the table.



K. If a certificate is required to attest the entire building is complete, a Completion Certificate can be downloaded directly from the Building Permit file – Documents tab.

