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Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt

Press Release

**Mayor Announces Selection of Woonsocket for the
New State-Sponsored Program for E-Permitting**

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Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt is pleased to announce the selection of Woonsocket as one of ten communities in Rhode Island included in a new E-Permitting Pilot Program. Woonsocket was one of twenty-six communities that applied for the pilot program and was selected by the State Department of Administration's Office of Regulatory Reform and the Office of Digital Excellence.

The primary goal of this program is to develop and implement a system to streamline the permitting process, achieving greater governmental efficiency while improving customer service by reducing the complexity of the permitting process. Phase I implementation of the E-Permitting Program will involve all municipal permitting agencies, including Building Inspection – which includes electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and building permits – as well as the Engineering Department, Fire Department and Zoning. Development and implementation of a consumer-friendly computer portal will be completed by September 2015. Under Phase II, the State will undertake additional municipalities and added permit types.

The Mayor indicated that she was extremely pleased that the State selected Woonsocket for this pilot program, which will assist the City in being able to obtain greater efficiency while simplifying the permitting process for the customer.

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