

Accela Citizen Access User Guide



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Accela is a web-based solution that allows customers to initiate and complete the plan submission, review, and approval process online, rather than using a manual, paper-based process. An assigned group of users accept and complete their tasks moving the project to the next stage in the workflow process until final completion.

All plan and permit applications for planning and zoning, civil engineering, and building safety must be submitted through the Accela Citizen Access portal. Click here for forms and application submittal checklists.

New to Goodyear? Click <u>here</u> to visit the Development Services Department webpage for information on processes, requirements, applications, permits, and regulatory documents.

First time using Accela Citizen Access? Click <u>here</u> for guidance, FAQs, Tech Tips and training videos to get you started.

We are happy to walk you through setting up an account and initiating an application.

Additional recourse and links are provided below:

Goodyear Homepage

Development Center

Special Event Liquor License

Special Events

Business Registration Services

Construction Water Meter Request

Public Records Request

Still need assistance? Contact the Development Counter at 623-932-3004, Option 2; or email us at developmentcounter@goodyearaz.gov

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Glossary of Terms

Term	Description
Accela Citizen Access (ACA)	The web-based platform that provides citizens, businesses, and visitors access to government services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Applicant	Individual applying for a permit using the system. Responsible for uploading drawing files and supporting documents for review, making corrections as needed, and managing the project.
Approval Stamp	Digital stamp applied to drawing files by the city after being reviewed and approved by city staff.
Avolve Software	Software company for ProjectDox, providing electronic submittal and plans review software.
Changemark	Used to mark changes or corrections required in a drawing file. Also called Markup.
DWG File	Drawing file created using Autodesk's AutoCAD® software.
EPR (Electronic Plan Review)	A web-based solution that allows plans for plans to be submitted electronically, replacing the traditional paper-based review method improving the plan review cycle, reduce costs associated with obtaining building permits and development approvals, as well as support green initiatives.
PDF (Portable Document Format)	A file type that can be opened with most devices, independent of software. PDFs can be both drawing files and document files.
Plan Reviewer	City of Goodyear staff responsible for reviewing and marking files submitted by permit applicants.
ProjectDox	The web-based online system in which plans are reviewed.
Record	An application and accompanying record in Accela.
Workflow Design	A visual layout of a process, project, or job in the form of a flow chart.

Tech Tips

The Development Center has collected tech tips and has placed solutions for you below.

How to clear your cache

Anytime a site page does not load, or you are experiencing issues with your web browser, you can try to solve the problem by clearing your Cache. Clearing Cache is very important to the proper use of Accela and ProjectDox and should be done often. Within any browser, Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Internet Explorer, simultaneously press the Ctrl+Shift+Delete on your keyboard. A pop-up will appear, keep all boxes check and click "Clear data" or "Clear now" at the bottom of the pop-up. Your cache is now cleared.

Setup trusted sites

A common error "failure downloading Integration DII, please check the Integration BravaParam" is an indication that the website you are trying to access needs to be set up as a trusted site. Follow the below instructions to add ProjectDox/Avolve as a trusted site:

- 1. Open your browser Internet Options
- 2. Go to Security > Trusted sites
- 3. Click Sites button
- 4. Enter the website URL in the list and click the Add button.

File Upload

All attachments shall be saved in PDF format. Maximum file size is 1GB.

Basic Navigation

The Accela Citizen Access (ACA) provides customers with an easy way to:

- Submit applications
- Make online payments
- Schedule inspections
- Find project information
- Review the status

All users are required to create an account in Accela Citizen Access to submit a project with the City of Goodyear.

Applicants must create an account with a valid email address before filling out an application from the citizen portal.

To create an account, follow the below link to launch the Accela Citizen Access (ACA) portal:

Sign in (Accela)

To review previous projects submitted through ProjectDox, select the link below to log into your account:

Sign in (ProjectDox)

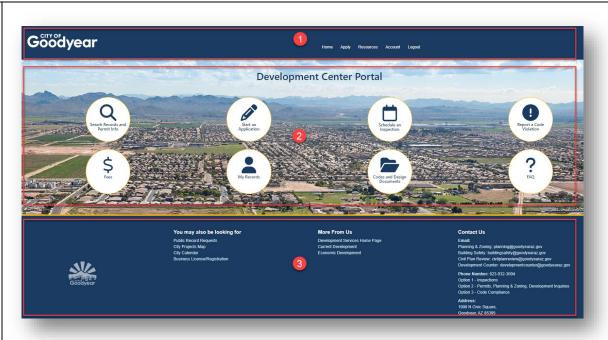
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Home

The Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Home page is broken into three sections.

- 1. The upper section of the Home page contains quick links to valued resources and when logged in, Account information. This is also where you can register for an account and manage your session by logging in and out of your account.
- 2. The middle section contains buttons that allow you to quickly navigate throughout the Development Center Portal. You can perform general searches, apply for an application, schedule an inspection, or report a code violation. Access to the Development Services website to obtain forms, guides, and valuable documentation is a click of a button.
- 3. The lower section of the Home page contains links to city departments for making requests, viewing capital improvement projects, calendar of events, and business licensing information. Email addresses and phone numbers have also been provided to quickly email or contact various divisions within Development Services.



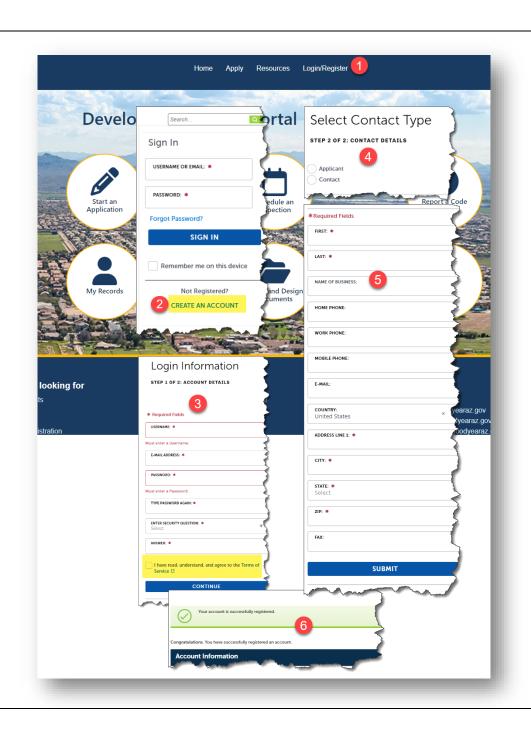
Registering for an Account

Follow the few simple steps below to register for an account:

- 1. Select Login/Register from the upper toolbar.
- 2. Select Create an Account.
- 3. Enter the required Login Information and agree to the terms of service, select Continue.

NOTE: Password requirements are at least 1 upper-case letter, 1 number, and 1 special character.

- 4. Select a Contact Type:
 - Applicants are often contractor, designer, or property owner.
 - Contacts are optional but can be included as members of the project team who want to stay informed about the application's progress.
- 5. Enter the required contact details then select Submit.
- When successful, Accela Citizen Access displays a message that you have successfully registered for an account.



Sign In to your Account

For security reasons, many online services require a login. If you are an existing user, sign into your account to review your application, pay fees, schedule inspections, review or edit account information, and/ or perform advanced searches.

- Launch the Accela Citizen Access portal, and select Login/Register from the upper toolbar.
- 2. Enter your credentials and select submit.

If you have forgotten your password, select Forgot Password and follow the instructions to reset your password:

- 3. Enter your email address.
- 4. Enter your security answer.

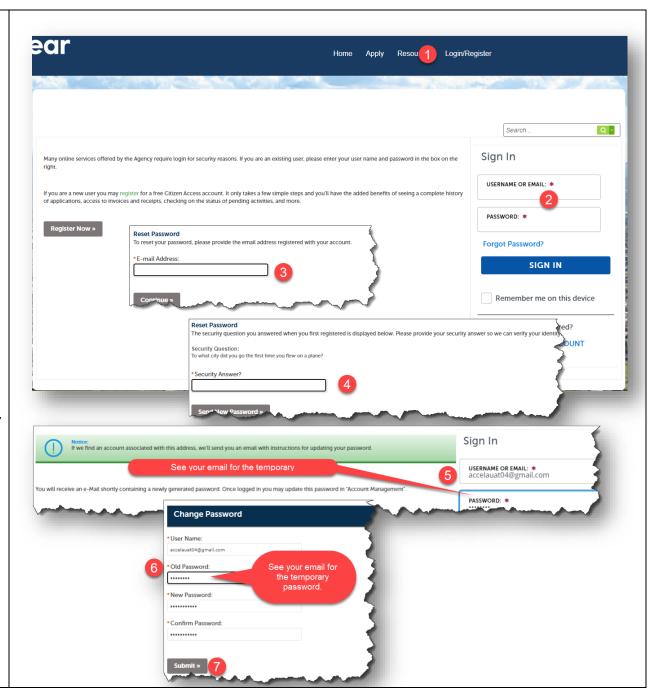
NOTE: you will receive a email with a newly generated password.

- 5. Enter your Username and temporary password.
- 6. Enter your credentials

NOTE: Old Password = temporary password.

7. Select submit.

All visitors can perform general searches on records and permit information by conducting a public search.



Public Search

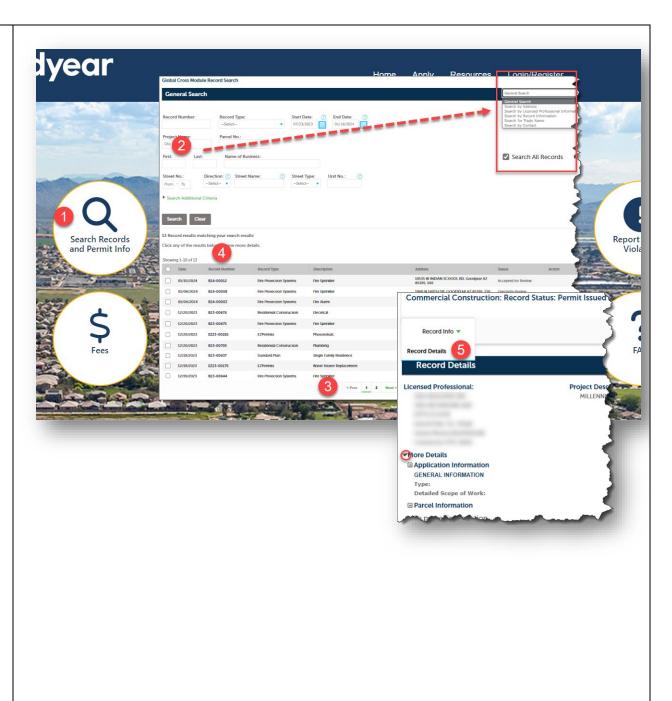
All visitors can perform a general search across all modules from the Accela Citizen Access.

- 1. Select the Search Records and Permit Info button.
- 2. Enter your desired information, and press enter; application results will appear.

Define your results by selecting Address, licensed professional, contact, etc. from the drop-down menu.

- Navigate through the results by selecting pages or by clicking <Prev or Next >
- 4. Click on the desired Record Number. Accela displays the application details.
- 5. Click on Record Info tab then select Record Details and select the down arrow for More Details. Select the + icon to expand for additional application information.

NOTE: You will need to register for an account to view additional details, i.e. Related Records, Inspections, Fees etc.



My Records

The Accela Citizen Access provides users with a simple way to view applications by category or by creating a collection.

 Navigate to the Home screen and select My Records.

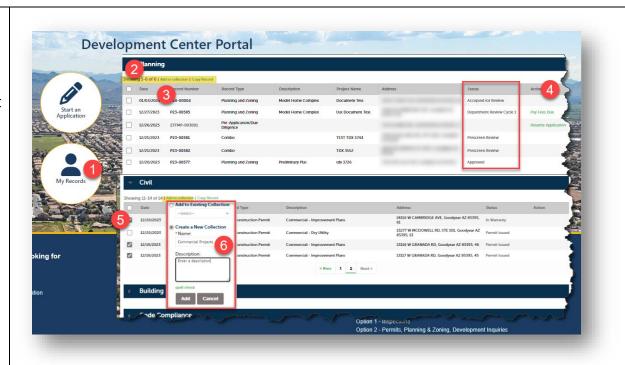
Accela Citizen Access displays results for all submitted applications by service including the status and action items.

- 2. Click the down arrow to expand on the service type and view the details.
- 3. Select the record number, or
- 4. Select the action item to launch the application.

Create a Collection

- 5. Select multiple records from the list of results.
- 6. Select Add to the collection and provide the required information then select Add.

When successful, Accela Citizen Access displays a message that you have added an item to your collection.



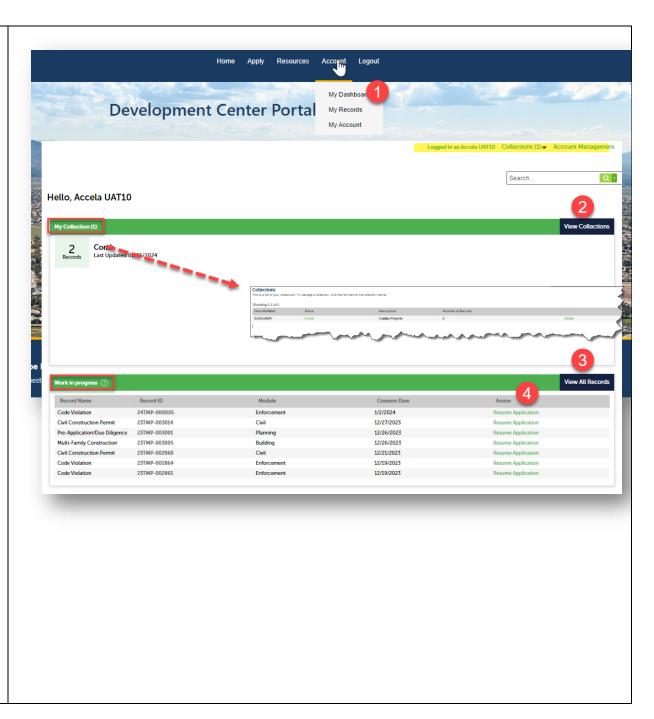
My Dashboard

The Accela Citizen Access dashboard allows logged-in users to view collections and work in progress.

1. Begin by selecting My Dashboard from the Account drop-down menu in the upper toolbar.

Accela provides a list of Collections and Work in progress.

- 2. Select View Collections to view your collections; or
- 3. Select View all records to see a list of all applications; or
- 4. Click the Action item link to manage your application.



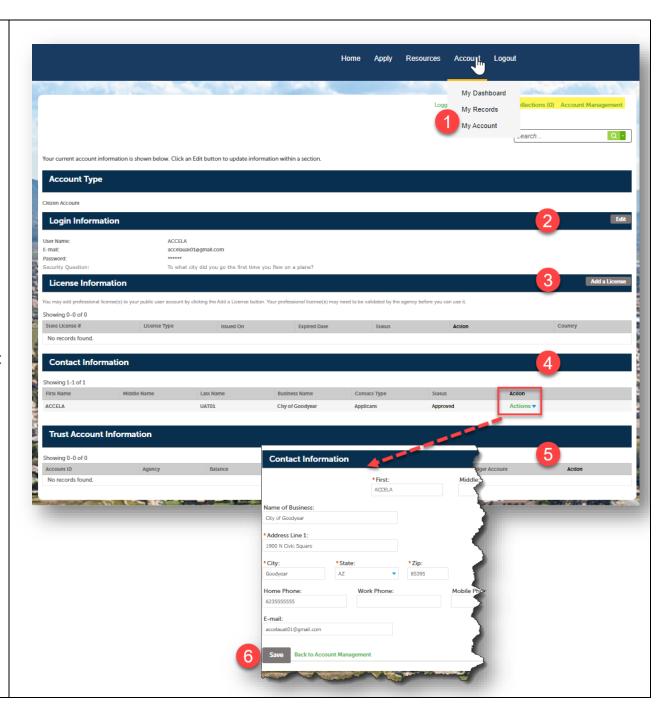
My Account

The Accela Citizen Access site allows logged-in users to view their accounts and edit accordingly.

1. Begin by selecting Account from the upper toolbar then select My Account from the drop-down menu.

Account login information is displayed in the upper right corner along with saved collection types.

- 2. Select Edit to update your Login Information.
- 3. Select Add a License to search and save licensing information.
- 4. Select Actions to view and edit Contact information; or
- 5. Trust Account Information when applicable.
- 6. To apply changes, click Save.



Preparing to Apply

One of the first steps that makes applying for a permit easier is to gather all your necessary information and documents before starting the application process.

Guidance Document:

Plan review processes and document guides are located on the Development Services website at the below link. Although a naming convention is no longer enforced, it is encouraged to keep a simple naming convention in the Guidance Document for clarity during the plan review process.

Plan sets may also be submitted as multi-sheets but must be saved in PDF format.

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The following pages will walk you through the application process.

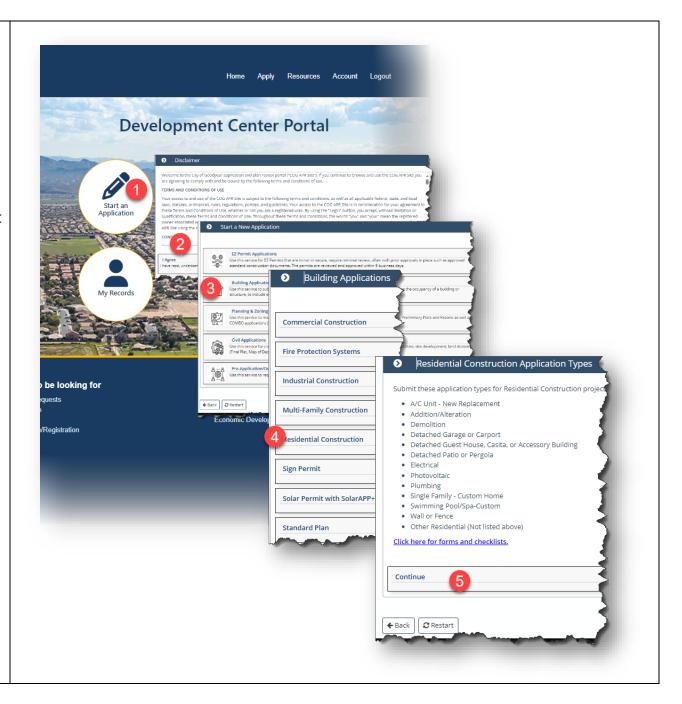
Application Process

Start a New Application

Begin by logging into your account.

- 1. Navigate to the Home screen, and select Start an Application.
- 2. Read the disclaimer, and select I Agree to the terms and conditions to continue.
- 3. Choose the desired service from the list of services.
- 4. Choose the desired application type.
- 5. Accela displays a list of associated subtypes. Select Continue or Back to choose the appropriate service.

Click <u>here</u> for SolarAPP+ Permit instructions.



Map

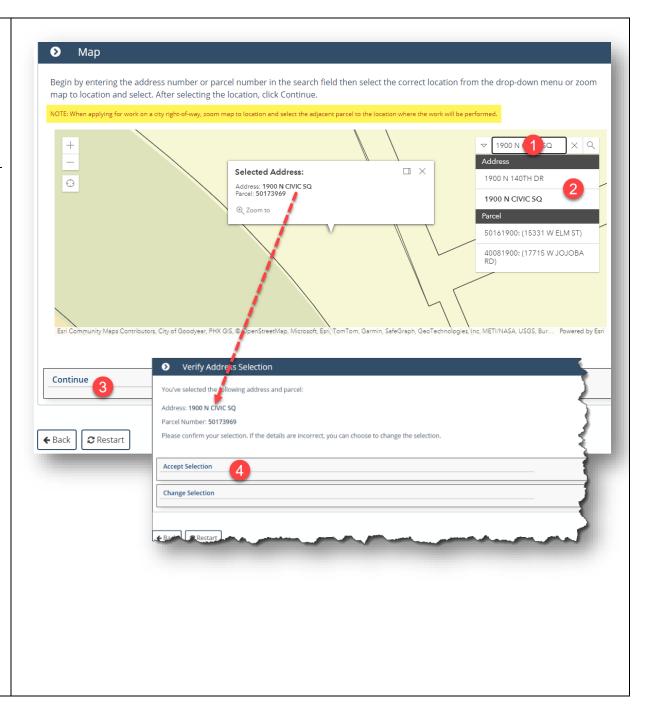
Use the map to help locate the address or parcel.

- 1. Enter the address number or parcel number in the search field.
- 2. Select the correct option from the dropdown menu; the selected address will appear on the map.

You can also use the map to zoom to the location if desired.

NOTE: When applying for work on a city right-of-way, zoom map to the location and select the adjacent parcel to the location where the work will be performed.

- 3. After selecting the location, click Continue.
- 4. Verify the address selection and Accept or Change the selection to go back to the map.



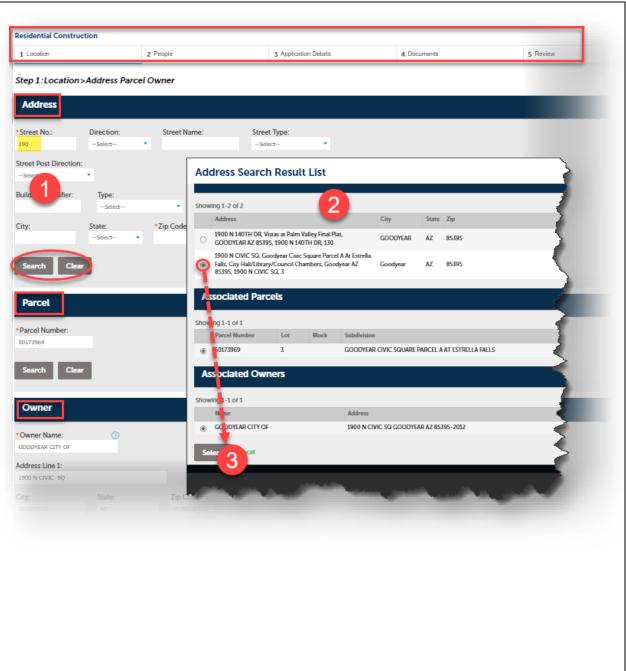
Step 1: Location > Address Parcel Owner

Accela Citizen Access displays a page header throughout the process with the selected application type and step progression.

Verify that the Address, Parcel, and Owner information has populated as expected.

To make changes:

- 1. Click clear and enter a partial number in the required field, then select Search.
- 2. Accela displays a list of data to choose from. Select from the list of results.
- 3. Press Select verifying the fields have populated as expected for each selection.



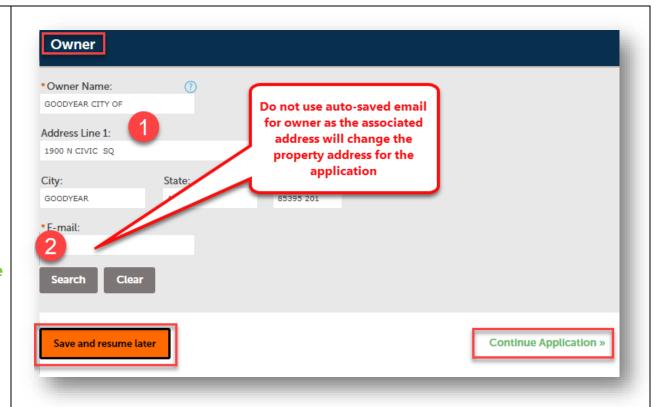
Accela Citizen Access displays Owner information.

- 1. Verify the information in the Owner section has populated as expected.
- 2. Enter the desired E-mail address.

NOTE: When entering the desired E-mail address, do not use auto-saved e-mail information for the owner as the associated address will change the property address for the application.

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.

NOTE: You will have an option to save and resume later throughout the application process with an opportunity to edit any step during the final review.



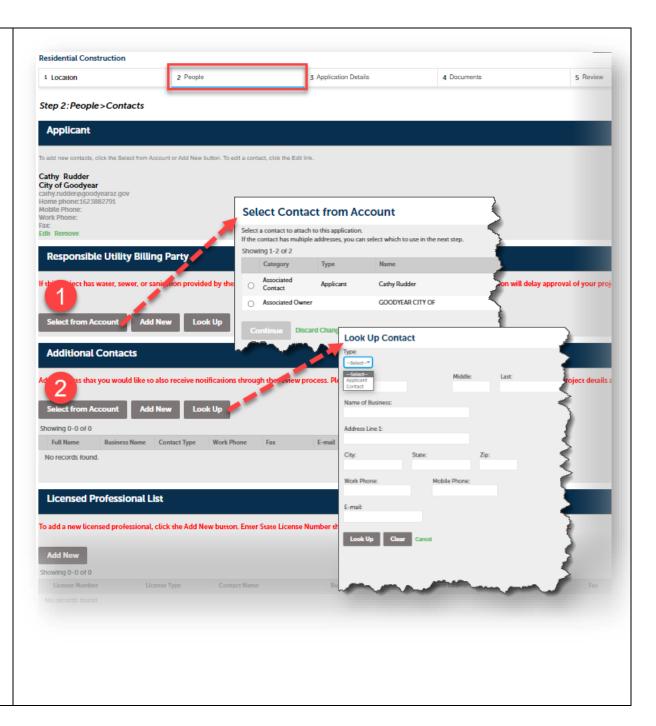
Step 2: People > Contacts

Accela Citizen Access displays an overview of the applicant and additional contacts.

Use this screen to verify, edit, or add contacts and confirm the application subtype.

- Simply manage your contacts by clicking Select from Account, or
- 2. By clicking Look up from a list.

Depending on the Application type, you may be required to add additional contact information.



Depending on the Application type, you may be required to add a licensed professional.

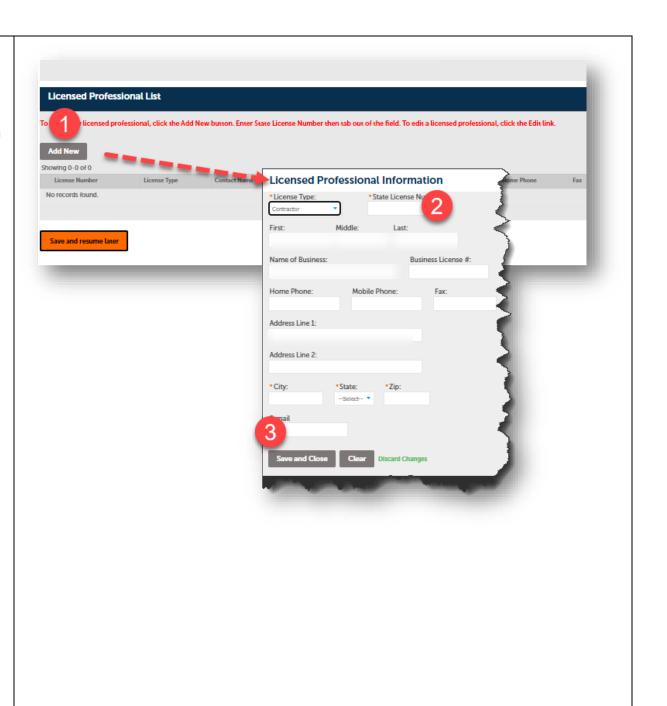
- 1. To add Licensed Professionals, select Add New. Accela displays a licensed profession information screen.
- 2. Enter the State License Number registered with Maricopa County and click on the next field to populate data.

NOTE: Licensed professional information is automatically populated from the Maricopa County Registrar of Contractors.

3. Click Save and Close.

NOTE: Depending on the application type selected, contacts may receive email notifications throughout the application process.

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.



Step 3: Applications > Details

Accela Citizen Access displays an overview of the application details.

Detail Information:

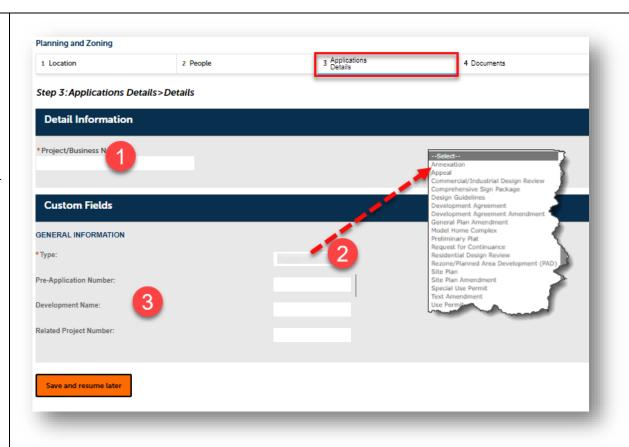
1. Enter the Project/Business Name.

Custom Fields:

- 2. Select the application type from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Depending on the type selected, additional custom and/or required fields may appear.

NOTE: Include all required information entering the detailed scope of work when required.

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.



Step 4: Documents > Attachments

Depending on the application type, applicants are required to upload specific documents and select a file type from a drop-down list.

From the Attachment section:

- 1. Select Add, a file upload box appears.
- 2. Select Add again to browse and choose attachment(s).

TIP: Do not press continue until 100% is displayed next to each document.

3. Select Continue.

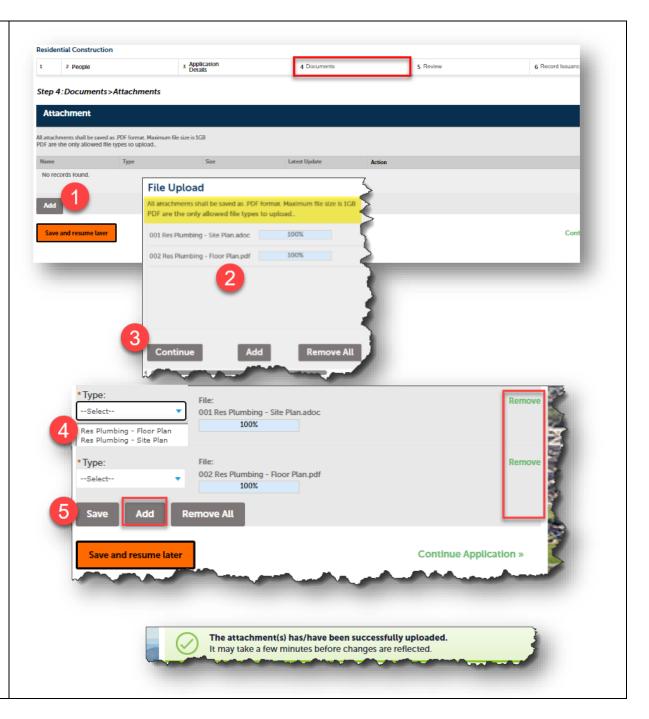
NOTE: All attachments must be saved in PDF format and must not exceed 1GB.

4. Update the document type from the dropdown menu for each file.

TIP: Confirm that you have uploaded each document type by reviewing the list in the dropdown for the application type you have selected.

Select Add to continue adding additional documents or Remove if desired.

5. When finished, select Save.



Accela Citizen Access displays a message that it may take a few minutes before changes are reflected.

- When files have loaded successfully, an Actions option will appear for each uploaded document.
- 2. An error will occur if the required documents have not been provided and you will not be able to continue to the next step.

NOTE: Select Add to provide additional required documents identified.

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.



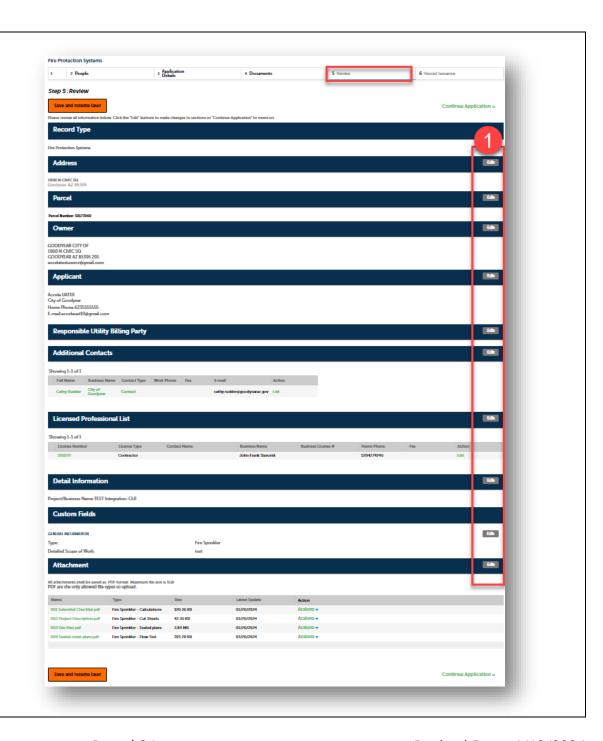
Step 5: Review

Accela Citizen Access displays a review of the submitted application.

1. If desired, select Edit to update information for each section.

NOTE: Select when changes are made then select **Save and resume later** or **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.

NOTE: Save for later items, which can be viewed by selecting My Records from the Home page.



Step 6: Record Issuance

Upon successful submission, note Your Record Number to check the status of your application or schedule/check inspections.

Click the below hyperlinks to follow the next steps in the application process:

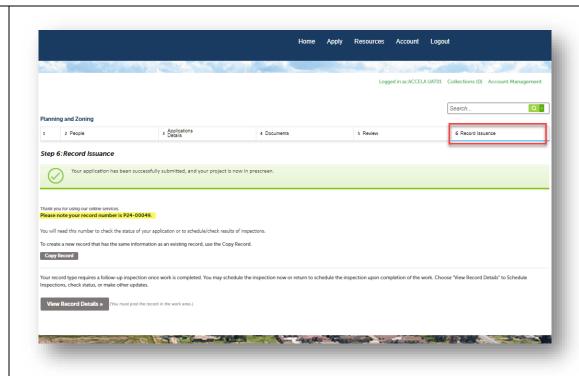
- 1. My Records
- 2. Scheduling Inspections
- 3. Pay Fees

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Uploading Attachments after Submittal

You may be required to upload additional attachments after the initial submittal.

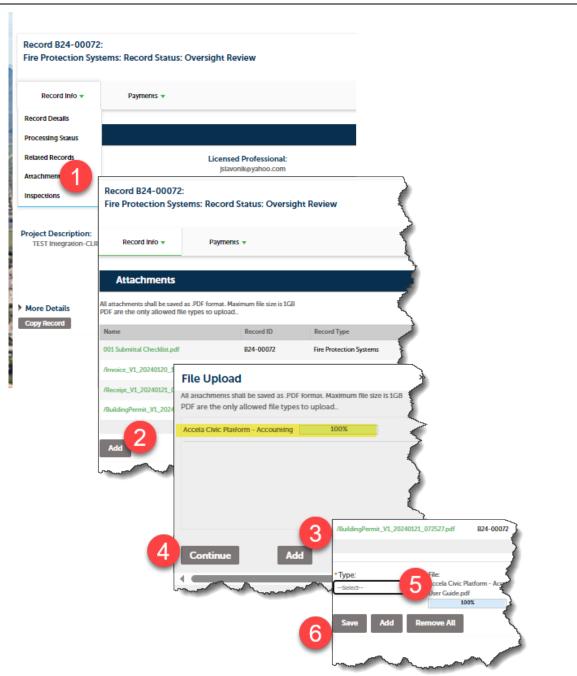
NOTE: Plan review documents must be uploaded from the plan review tab. See <u>Plan</u> <u>Review</u> for instructions.

Navigate to My Records from the Home page and select the desired application.

- 1. Click Attachments under the Record Info tab.
- 2. Select Add.
- 3. Select Add to browse for documents.

NOTE: All attachments must be saved in PDF format.

- 4. Select Continue.
- 5. From the drop-down menu, select the document type.
- 6. When finished, select Save.



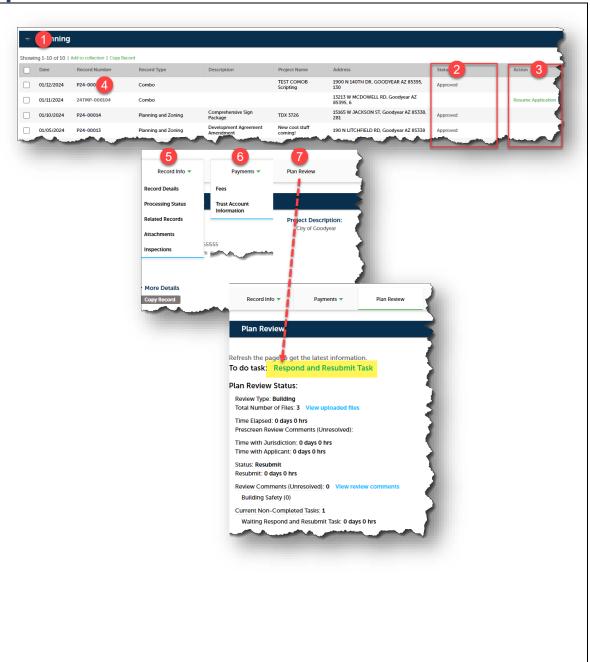
Application Status and Next Steps

Upon successful submission of your application, you can check the status of your project by navigating to My Records from the Home screen.

- 1. Expand the service type.
- 2. View the status.
- 3. View the Action item.
- 4. Select the Record number to launch the desired application.

Review detailed information:

- 5. Use the Record drop-down to view details, status, and records, view and upload attachments, and schedule inspections.
- 6. Use the Payment drop-down to access fees.
- 7. Selecting the Plan Review tab allows applicants to manage tasks, view and upload files, and review comments in ProjectDox.



Plan Review – Respond and Resubmit

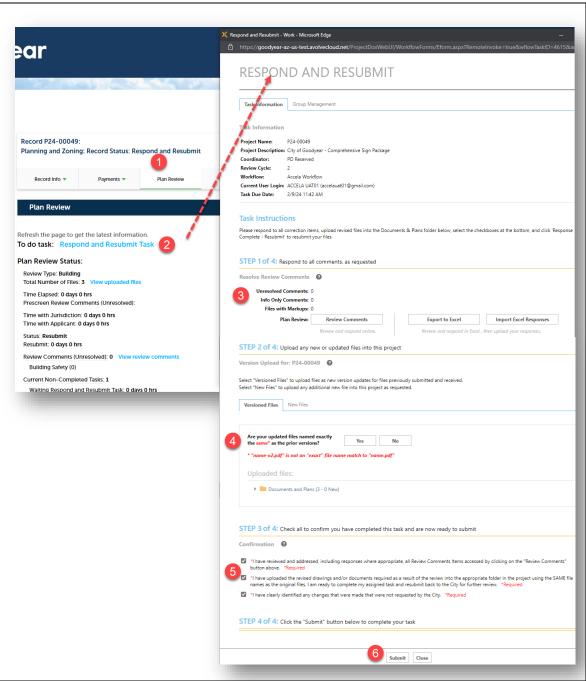
Respond and Resubmit tasks are available on the Plan Review tab.

Additional documents may be required and could include items such as photographs, arborist reports, contractor reports, window or door details, material specifications, or revised plans.

Navigate to My Records from the Home page and select the desired application.

- 1. Select the Plan Review tab.
- 2. Select the To do task to launch ProjectDox.
- 3. Respond to all comments as requested.
- 4. Upload new documents or updated files.
- 5. Confirm you have completed all items in the task.
- 6. Click Submit.

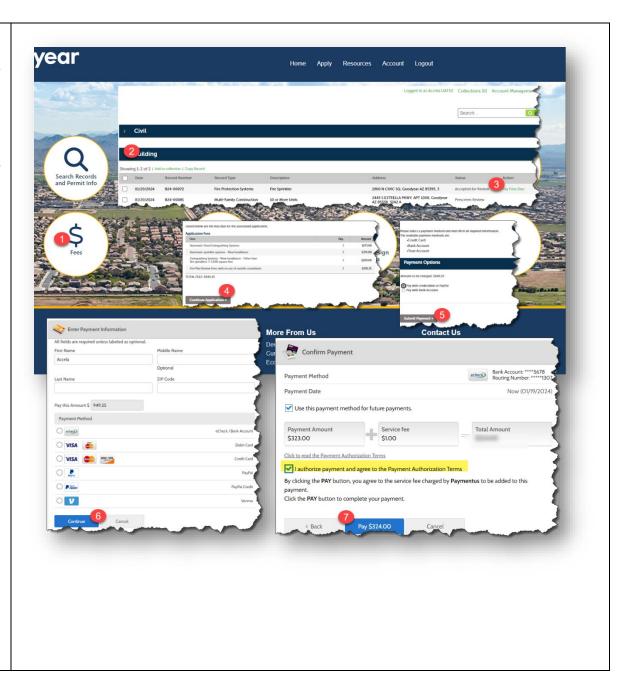
NOTE: ProjectDox Plan Review includes "Learn how" instructional videos and "Online help" tools throughout the plan review process providing additional guidance.



Pay Fees

When fees are due, you will receive an email notification to log into ACA and manage fees.

- 1. Navigate to the Home page, and select Fees, Accela displays a list of applications.
- 2. Expand on the desired service type.
- 3. Select Pay Fees Due under Actions, for the desired application, Accela displays a list of fees due for the associated application.
- 4. Select Continue Application to select a payment method,
- 5. Choose your payment method then select Submit Payment.
- 6. Enter the required payment information then select Continue.
- 7. Agree to Payment Authorization Terms then select Pay.

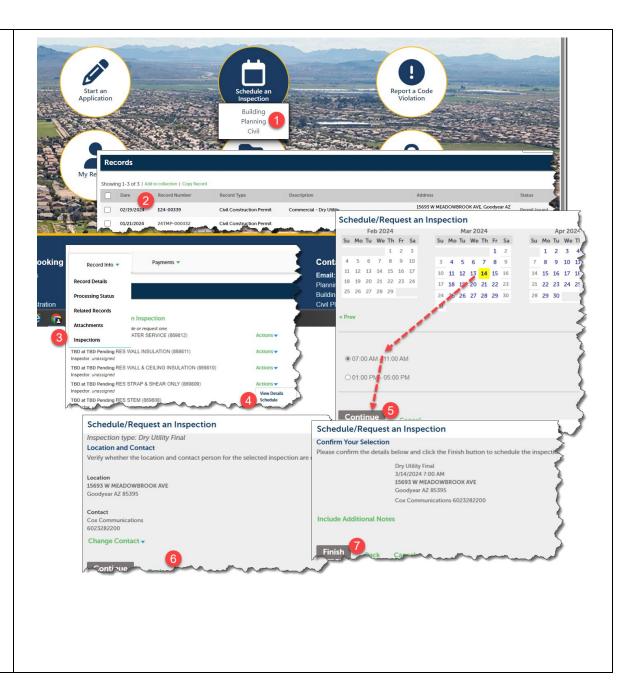


Scheduling Inspections

Online ACA

Scheduling an inspection online through the Accela Citizen Access portal.

- 1. Navigate to the Home page, hover over Schedule and Inspection, and select the service type. Accela displays a list of applications.
- Select the desired application Record Number.
- 3. Click on the Record Info tab and select Inspections. Accela displays a list of inspections for the application.
- 4. Select Schedule under Actions for the desired inspection.
- 5. Select a date from the Calendar, choose a time frame then select Continue.
- 6. Verify the information is correct, make desired changes, and select Continue.
- 7. Include Additional Notes if desired, select Finish.



Please visit the D	evelopment Services Department website for instructions to schedule inspections by phone or	text
	Schedule an Inspection City of Goodyear (goodyearaz.gov)	

SolarApp+ Applications

SolarApp+ Pilot Program

This pilot program is currently only available to licensed contractors who have previously <u>registered with SolarAPP+</u>. If you are interested in participating in the pilot program, please contact Jeff Rallo at 623-882-7945.

SolarAPP is a third-party software application that can be used to verify code compliance for residential photovoltaic (PV) projects. The City of Goodyear Development Services Department will accept SolarAPP+ approved designs through our online portal for permitting of residential photovoltaic projects only. <u>Click here</u> for a demonstration on SolarAPP+.

Eligibility

- Must be an Arizona Licensed contractor
- Residential (single-family or duplex residence) rooftop installations only
- Structure supporting PV systems must be legal, permitted code compliant structure
- No ballasted or ground mounted systems
- Must meet the following technical requirements:
 - No existing PV or energy storage systems
 - o PV system roof loading not to exceed 5 psf dead load 400-amp maximum electrical service, single phase only
 - o If using microinverter only one module per
 - o Up to two inverter types for string inverter type for microinverters
 - o Permit runners are not allowed to request SolarAPP+permits

Submit for automated review through SolarAPP+

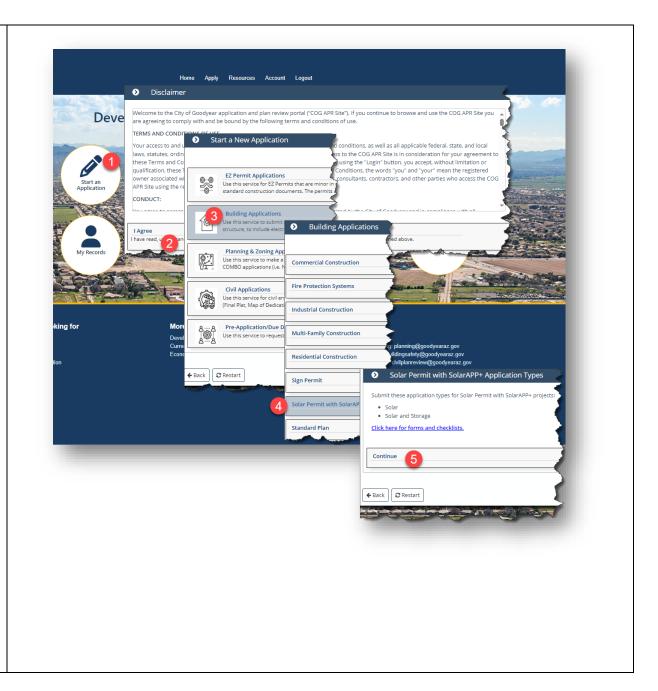
- Determine eligibility
- Submit your design to solarapp.nrel.gov
- Click Login
- A \$25 processing fee will be charged by the SolarAPP+ website

Once plans are approved on SolarAPP+, you may apply for a SolarAPP+ permit

Applying for a SolarAPP+ permit:

Follow the instructions in this user guide to:

- Register for an account
- Sign into your account
- 1. Navigate to the Home screen, select Start an Application.
- 2. Read the disclaimer, select I Agree to the terms and conditions to continue.
- 3. Select Building Application.
- 4. Select Solar Permit with SolarAPP+
- 5. Accela displays a list of associated subtypes. Select Continue or Back to choose the appropriate service.



Step 1: Location Information

- 1. Enter the address number or parcel number in the search field.
- 2. Select the correct option from the drop-down menu; the selected address will appear on the map.

You can also use the map to zoom to location if desired.

3. After selecting the location, click Continue.

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4. Enter the desired E-mail address

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Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.



Step 2: Detailed Information

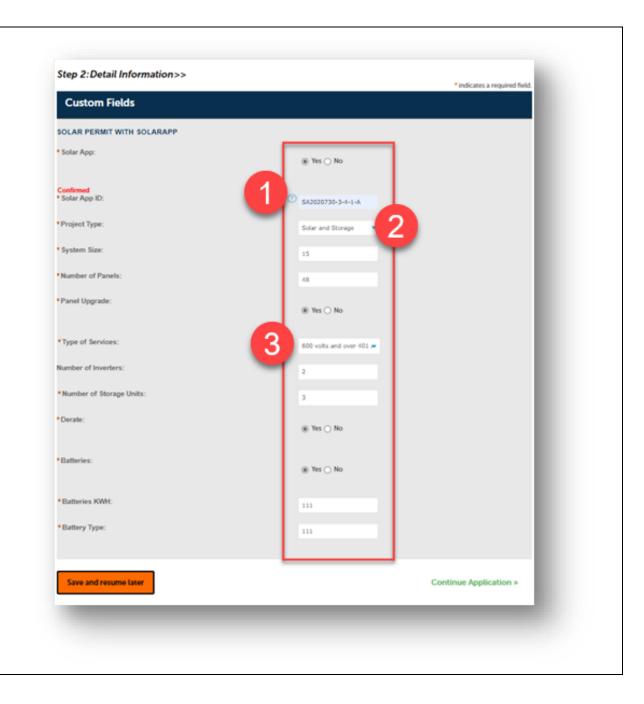
Custom Fields:

- 1. Enter the Solar App ID (format example: SA2020730-3-4-1-A).
- 2. Select the Project Type from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select the Type of Services from the drop-down menu.

Populate all required fields as instructed.

NOTE: Depending on the solar type, additional custom and/or required fields may appear.

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.



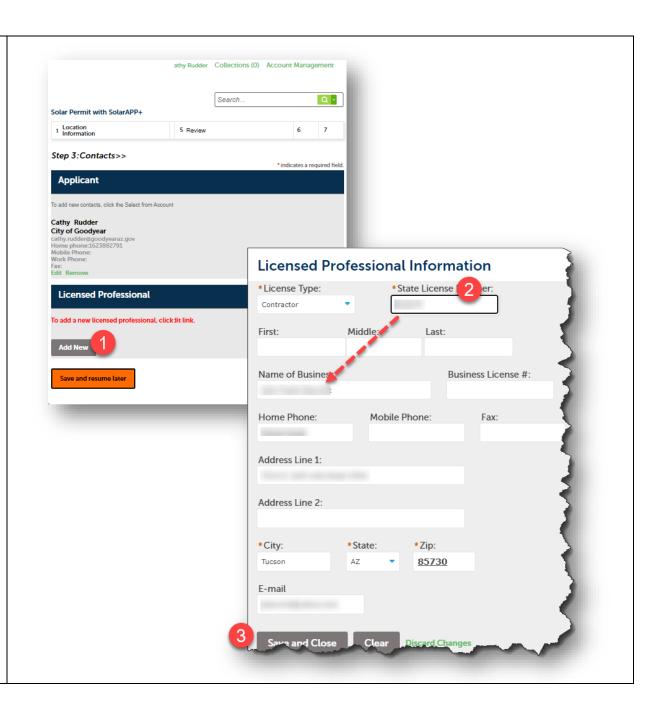
Step 3: Contacts

- 1. To add Licensed Professionals, select Add New. Accela displays a licensed profession information screen.
- Enter the State License Number registered with Maricopa County and click on the next field to populate data.

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Step 4: Documents

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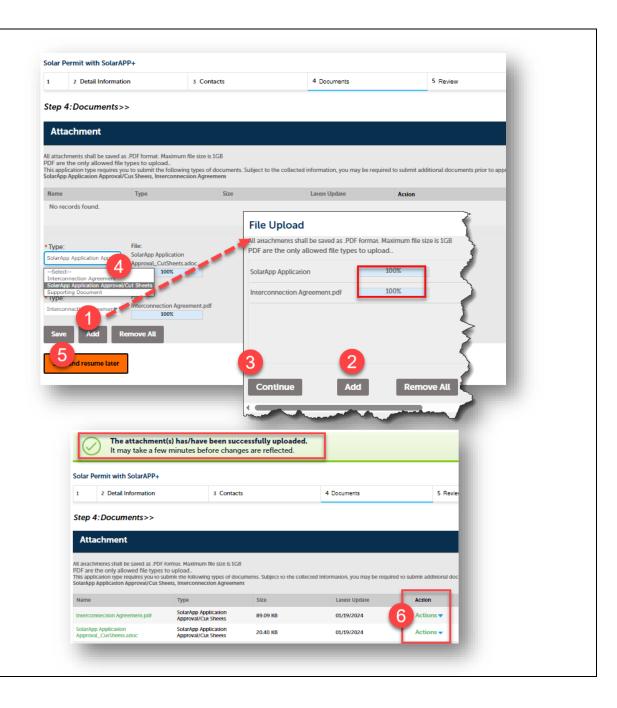
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- 4. Update the document type from the drop-down menu for each file.
- 5. When finished, select Save.
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Step 5: Review

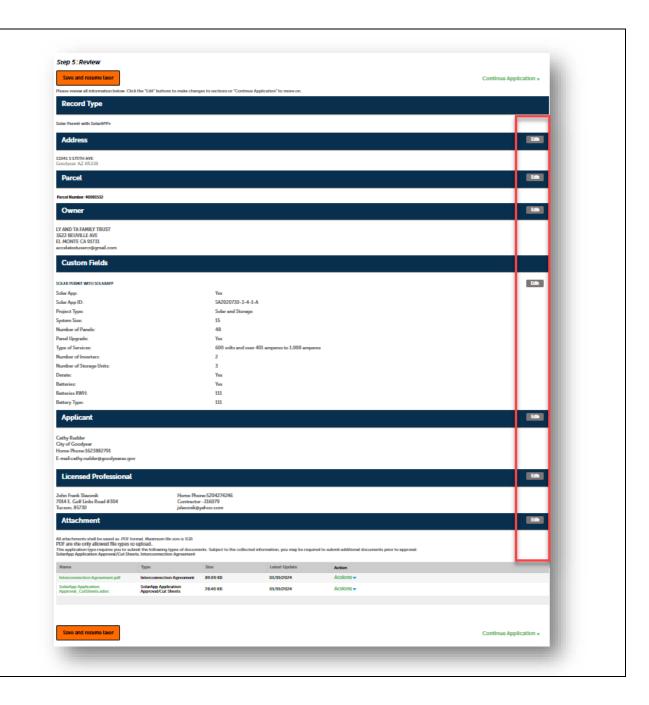
Accela Citizen Access displays a review of the submitted application.

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NOTE: Select Save when changes are made

Save and resume later or select **Continue Application** >> to move to the next step in the application process.

NOTE: Save for later items, can be viewed by selecting My Records from the Home page.



Step 6: Pay Fees

Accela Citizen Access displays a review of Application Fees and amount due.

- Select Continue Application to pay fees due for the associated application.
- 2. Choose your payment method then select Submit Payment.
- 3. Enter required payment information then select Continue.
- 4. Agree to Payment Authorization Terms then select Pay.

Step 7: Record Issuance

Accela Citizen Access displays a message when your application has been successfully submitted.

5. Note the record number to check the status of your application or to schedule/check results of inspections.

Click <u>here</u> for instructions to schedule an inspection.

