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The City of Milpitas Joins Symbium Plancheck Pilot Program

Symbium Plancheck is an innovative zoning code review app that streamlines residential development projects by accelerating the site plan review process

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Symbium Corp. is proud to announce that the City of Milpitas will use Symbium Plancheck, an innovative tool that streamlines residential site plan reviews for applicants and planners. Milpitas is receiving the first year of the license for free as a part of a pilot program that provides up to 10 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) member governments with free Symbium Plancheck licenses. Currently, four licenses are still available to help local Bay Area jurisdictions implement this efficient and user-friendly permitting technology.

In addition, Milpitas will use Symbium Build Business to make it easier for businesses to understand where they can operate – simplifying the permitting process. Plancheck and Build Business are proprietary software tools created by Symbium Corp. to empower local governments with cutting-edge technology solutions that enhance existing permitting processes.

“Symbium is excited to work with Milpitas and the Association of Bay Area Governments to streamline the permitting process,” said Leila Banijamali, CEO and Co-Founder of Symbium Corp. “Jurisdictions that use Plancheck have the opportunity to completely transform the permitting and approval experience for both City planning officials and applicants. With Plancheck, City officials have more time to focus on large, complex projects because our application provides the quick answers to planning and building questions that will get badly needed housing of all shapes and sizes built quicker. We look forward to Milpitas and its citizens and businesses benefitting from Symbium’s technology.”

According to Planning Director Ned Thomas, “Plancheck will facilitate efficient development review, zoning conformance, and permit scoping for Milpitas residents and the development community. This translates to us delivering a better experience to the Milpitas community.”

The City of Milpitas Planning Department anticipates that the implementation of Plancheck and Build Business will help the City achieve vital Economic Development goals and strategic Information Technology innovation while improving customer service to both external and internal parties. Additionally, it will help improve staff productivity and address delays and challenges in City permitting process and permitting requirements.

Symbium Plancheck automates the legal analysis of properties and development proposals against local zoning codes at the parcel level. This saves staff time, increases consistent interpretation of codes, and enables applicants (both homeowners and developers) to file complete and compliant applications. Plancheck saves staff time by automating the creation of comment letters from City staff to applicants and integrating with existing permit tracking systems, which also decreases data entry errors. Plancheck simplifies training new planners and increases job satisfaction by automating mundane, non-discretionary review – allowing planners to focus on the more interesting and complex discretionary aspects of residential plan review.

The benefits to jurisdictions that use Symbium Plancheck and Build Business include: saving the public time and money; reducing the workload on City planners; providing accurate and consistent responses to the public's questions; enhancing communication between City planners and homeowners, developers, architects, contractors, etc.; and establishing a more efficient approval process for new development, including much-needed housing units.

Symbium Plancheck is one of several tools offered by Symbium, all of which connect to the company's property information portal, available at Symbium.com. This portal allows anyone to understand and visualize both what has been built and what is possible on any property in California.

Bay Area jurisdictions interested in joining the pilot program should send inquiries to hello@symbium.com.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service City with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of 80,273. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: www.milpitas.gov.

About Symbium

The key to Symbium's business is Complaw®, which is concerned with the representation of laws and regulations, such as planning codes, in a computable form. Symbium's applications make the zoning regulations that shape our cities and towns easy to navigate, empowering anyone to quickly assess what's possible on a piece of property or across a jurisdiction.

Symbium has been recognized as a [GovTech 100 company in 2022 and 2021](#), a [2021 American Bar Association Women of Legal Tech](#) award recipient, and a [2020 Ivory Prize](#) awardee for innovations in regulation and policy to achieve housing affordability. Symbium is headquartered in San Francisco, California. For more information, visit Symbium.com.