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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide instructions and assistance to construction contractors that purchase permits from The City of Oklahoma. It will provide help with using the Citizen Access web portal that contains information about Permits purchased for work in The City of Oklahoma City.

By default, the web portal provides read-only access to all City permit data. Once a contractor completes the on-line registration with the City and are approved for use, they will be able to perform additional functions with their permits such as requesting inspections and paying fees (by credit card or trust account) – without a phone call to the City! We encourage you to use this system to request inspections because you will see them go into the system and assigned to the inspector immediately instead of faxing or leaving a message on the hotline – these two methods require human intervention thus require additional time to input them into the system.

This functionality is available **NOW**! Go to www.okc.gov/access for read-only access or click on the Contractor Registration link in the upper right corner and begin your registration. Once registered and approved, you will use the Contractor Login link to log in and use the system with permits purchased under your license.

We hope you find this document useful and helpful in working with the City regarding your permits. If you have additional questions about this document or the using the system, please contact:

City of Oklahoma City Development Services Department Development Center Division Permit Section

Phone: 405-297-2459

Email: onlineinspectionregistration@okc.gov

NOTE: Most of the features in this document require you to be logged in to see the links shown. If you do not see a link on your computer, make sure you are logged in to the system.

Creating an Account and Associating With a Contractor License

Open your browser and go to www.okc.gov/access.

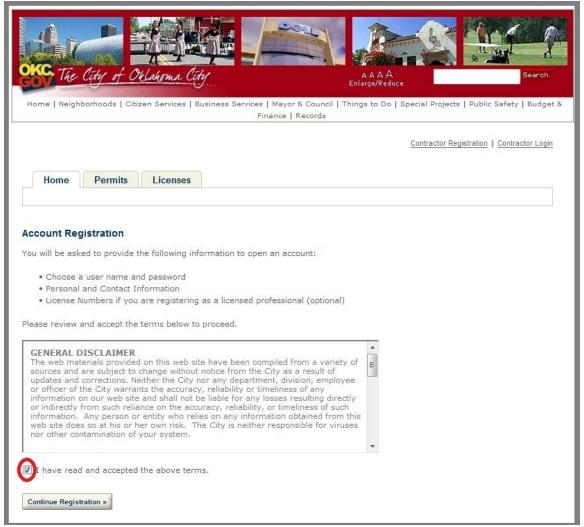


To register as a contractor, click on the **Contractor Registration** link in the upper right hand corner.

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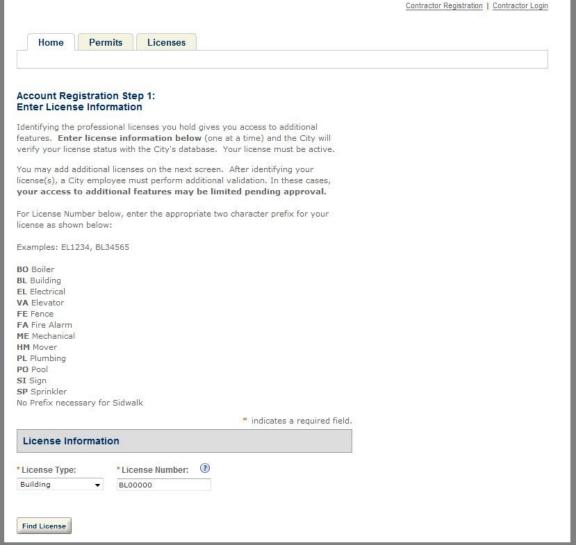


Read disclaimer and click the check box to agree. Next, click **Continue Registration** button.

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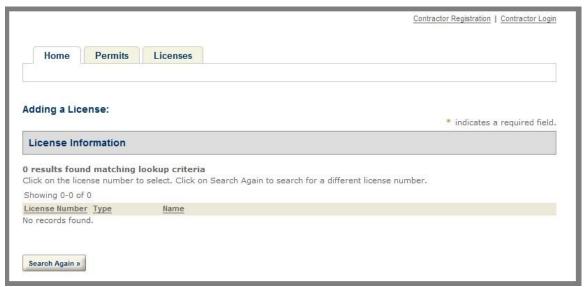


First, you will look up and select your contractor account. If you have more than one license type you want to associate, choose one for now and you will be able to add the others later before completing your registration. You will also be able to add additional licenses at any time. Select a License Type from the drop down. Under License Number, enter your license number that you are registered with the City as.

NOTE: YOU MUST ENTER THE TWO LETTER ABREVIATION LISTED ON THIS WEB PAGE AS THE PREFIX TO YOUR LICENSE NUMBER OR THE LOOKUP WILL NOT WORK. See the instructions on the web page above.



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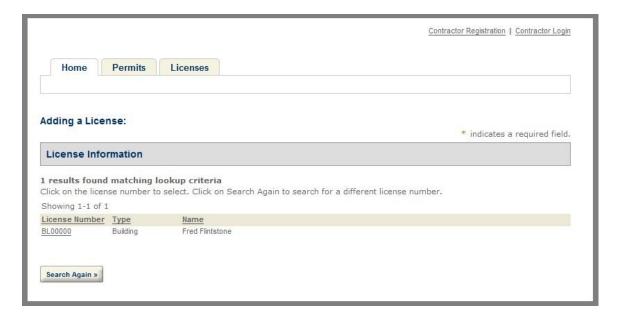


If the license number is not found in our system, you will see the page above. Click **Search Again** to continue.

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If the license is found in our system, you will see the page above. If the license number listed is correct, click the license number (it is a link) and you will see this pop-up window:

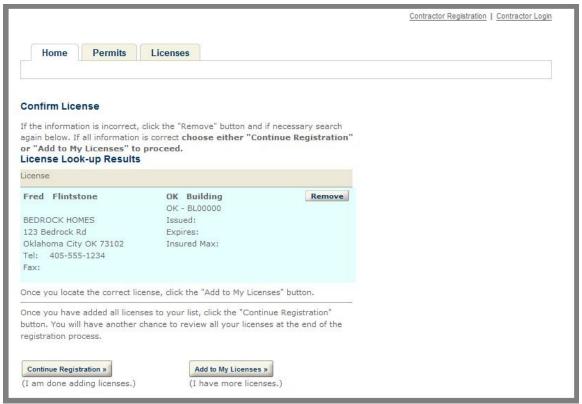


Click **OK** to add this license to your account you are registering.

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Additional information stored in our system relating to that license account is shown. This information should be the same as your Contractor Information Sheet that is filled out annually. If you have corrections to this information, please contact:

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Phone: 405-297-2459

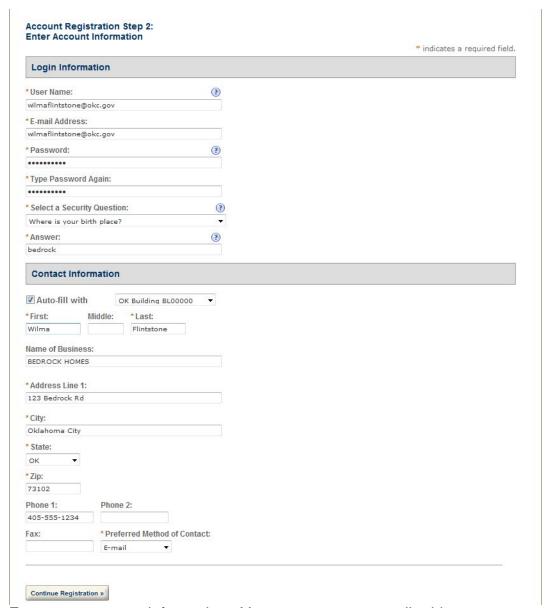
Email: onlineinspectionregistration@okc.gov

If you have additional licenses you wish to connect to your registered account, click **Add to My Licenses** and repeat the process for looking up license accounts. You can also add additional accounts at a later time. See page 31 under Account Management.

When you are finished adding licenses, click Continue Registration.



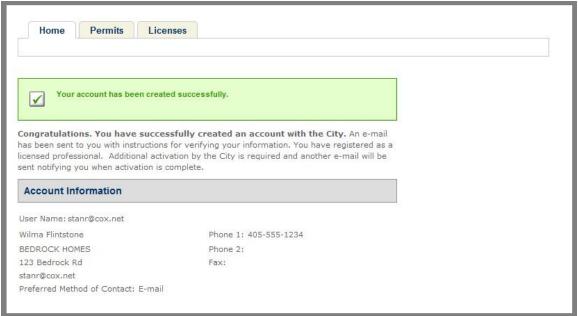
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Enter your account information. You may use your email address as your user name or use something different. User name must be 4-32 characters. Password must be 8-21 characters. Select a security question and enter an answer. This provides a means to identify you if you forget your password. If you would like to copy your address information from your contractor record, check the Auto-fill with box and select the correct license account (if there is more than one). If your first and last names need to be changed, please correct them. Enter any other missing information and don't forget to select Preferred Method of Contact in the last dropdown box. Click Continue Registration button.



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You will receive an email telling you that we have received a request for an account. Additionally, an email has been sent to the appropriate City Staff to validate and approve the licenses you requested to be connected with your login account you created. Staff will validate against the most recent contractor information sheet that was turned in by the license holder. Until this is completed, when you are logged in, you will have the same access as if you were an unregistered user. When you have been validated and connected to the license(s) you requested, you will receive an email with instructions for verifying your account. Click on the link in the email to verify and finalize your account. Once your verification is complete, you may begin using the system as a registered contractor.

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Using Citizen Access as a Registered User

Open your browser www.okc.gov/access.



Click on Contractor Login



Enter your username or email and password. If you want this web page to remember your user name, check the Remember me on this computer checkbox. This will NOT remember your password, but only your user name. If you have forgotten your password, click on the I've forgotten my password link and follow the instructions provided. Click **Login** after entering your User Name and Password.

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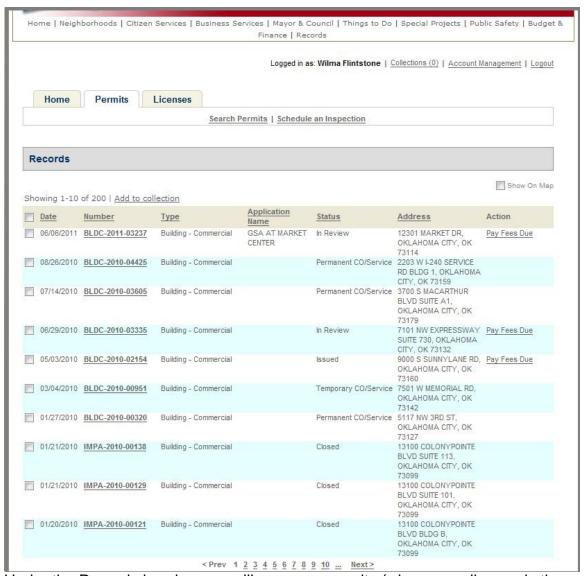


When you are logged in, you will see that at the top of the page. To view your permits and the search screen, click Search Permits, Schedule an Inspection or click the Permits tab near the top.

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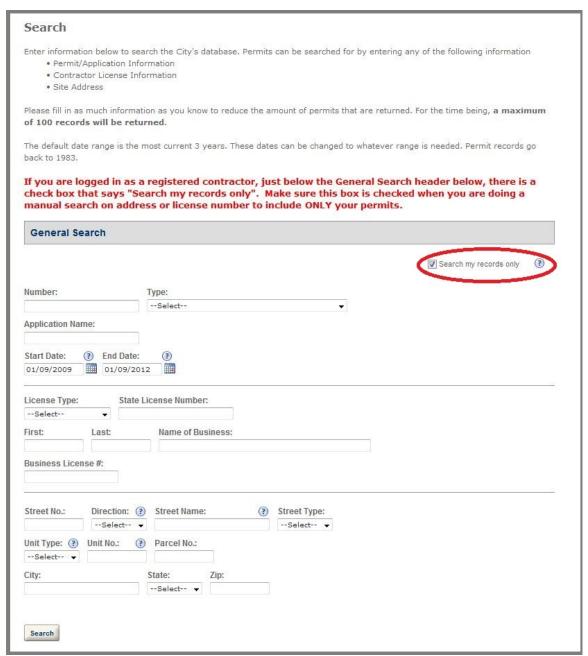


Under the Records header, you will see <u>your</u> permits (where <u>your license</u> is the associated License Professional) sorted by most recently purchased permit at the top. If you do not see the permit that you need to look at, click on the additional page links below the first 10. It lists only the most recent 100 permits purchased, so if you would like to do a search for a specific permit or address, scroll to the bottom of this page to the Search section as seen in the screenshot below:

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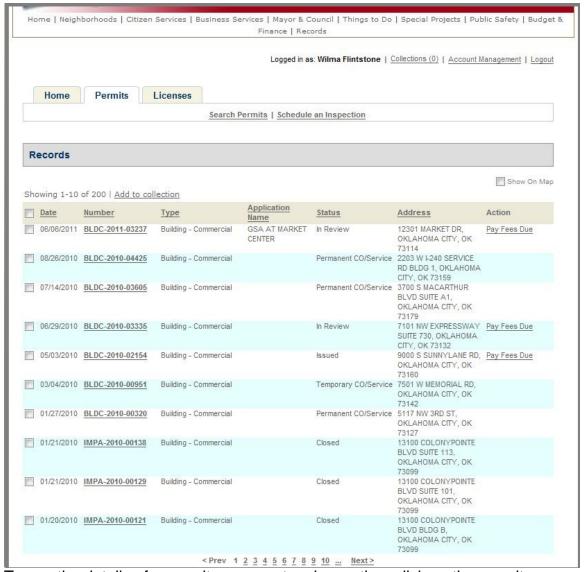
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To manually search for a record, please read the instructions above the search fields. The date range is set to the last 3 years by default so either remove or modify the Start Date to expand your search range. Again, it will only return 100 permits so reducing the criteria ranges will provide for more accurate searches. If you are searching by address or contractor license number, make sure the box "Search my records only" is checked. This will make sure only your permits are returned on the results screen.



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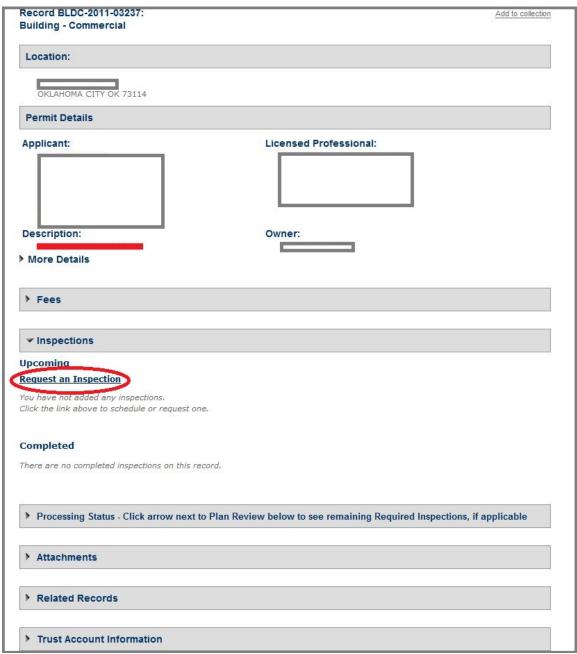
To see the details of a permit or request an inspection, click on the permit number – it is a link.

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Requesting an Inspection



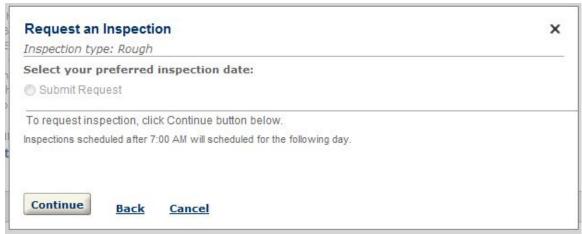
Viewing the details of a permit has not changed. The main difference with this version is your ability to request inspections here instead of calling or faxing information to City staff. To request an inspection, Click on the "Request an Inspection" link.



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Choose which inspection you want to request and click the button next to it and click **Continue** button.



To continue submitting your request, click the Continue button.



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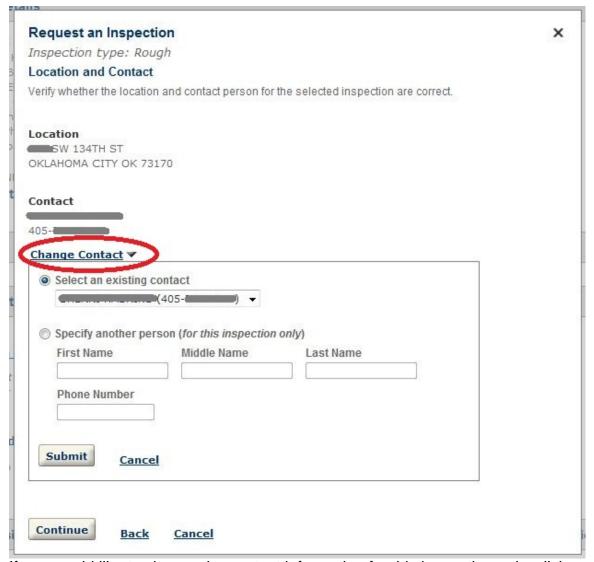


If the contact information is correct, click the **Continue** button.

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If you would like to change the contact information for this inspection only, click the Change Contact button add an alternate name and phone number and click the **Continue** button.

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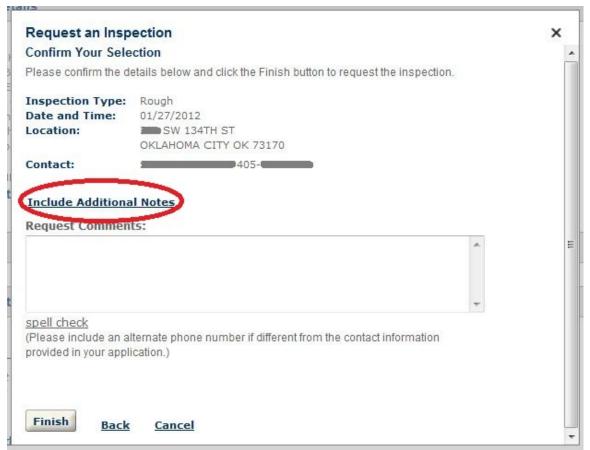


To finish requesting your inspection, click the **Finish** button.

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If you would like to include any comments for the inspector, click Include Additional Notes and type them in the Request Comments field. These comments will be seen only by the inspector and will never appear on this web site; however, you should still be careful with what information you include here. To finish requesting your inspection, click the **Finish** button.

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If the request is successful, you will the inspection under the Upcoming section. The inspection has been scheduled to an inspector and will be completed in the normal order of inspection priorities. If you wish to cancel or view the requested inspection, click the corresponding Actions link and make your selection to View or Cancel the inspection.

Any completed inspections will show up under the Completed section. To view the details of any of these completed inspections, click the corresponding View Details link.

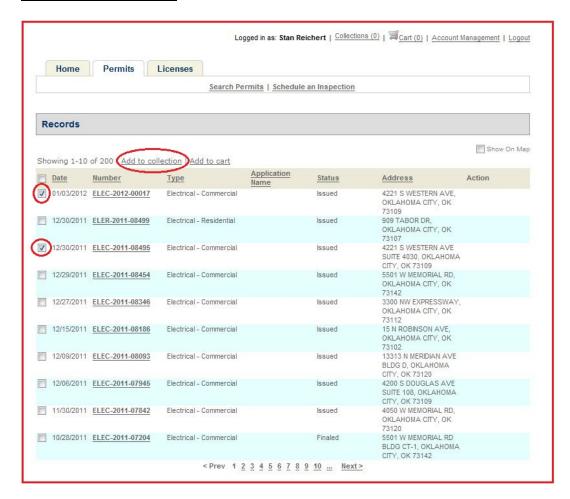


If there is a problem with a request, you will see an error message with the reason why. This is an example of the error when you try to schedule an inspection before the permit is issued. If you have any questions with why an inspection request was not successful because of an error, please contact the appropriate Permit desk.



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Creating Collections



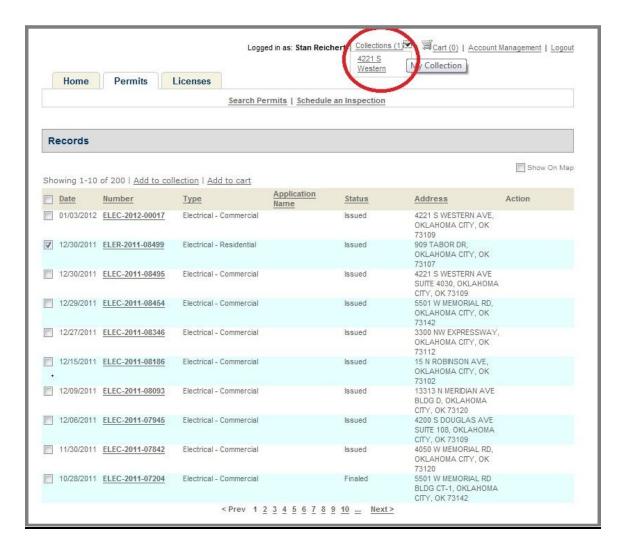
From the search screen, you will see the most recent permits that were applied for up to 100. If you would like to group a smaller set of permits together to make it easier to search or review, you can create a "collection". To do this, click the checkboxes next to the permits you want to group together and click Add to Collection. You will then be prompted to add to an existing collection (if one exists) or create a new collection. Make your choice and click Add.



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All of your collections will show at the top under the link <u>Collections</u> and work like a "mini search" to bring this list up easily.

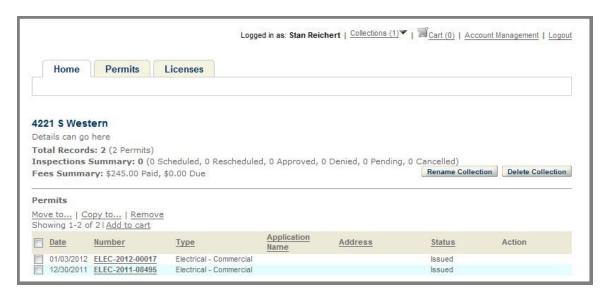
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If you click on the <u>Collections</u> link it will bring up all of your searches and you can click the name link in this list to open that collection to show the permits. If you would like to delete the collection, click the Delete link to the right.

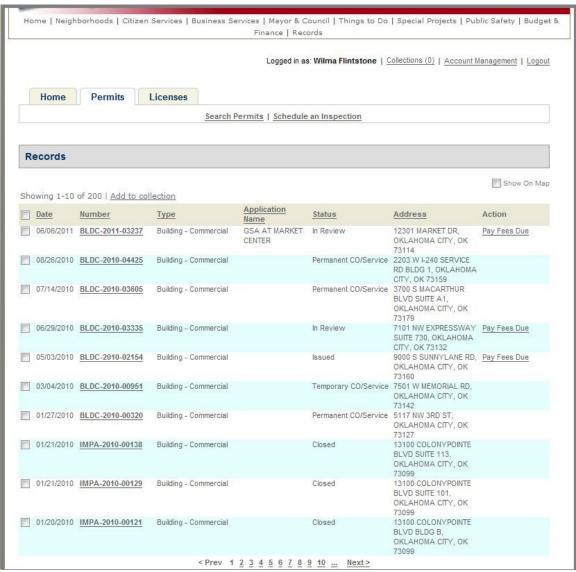


You can now click on the permit number link to get to the details as you have previously seen above. If you would like to delete any of the permits from this collection, click the appropriate check boxes next to the permits you want to remove and click <u>Remove</u>. You can follow this same procedure to move permits to different existing collections (using the <u>Move to...</u> link) or add them to additional collections (using the <u>Copy to...</u> link). If you would like to rename or delete this collection, click the appropriate button on the right side.

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Paying Fees

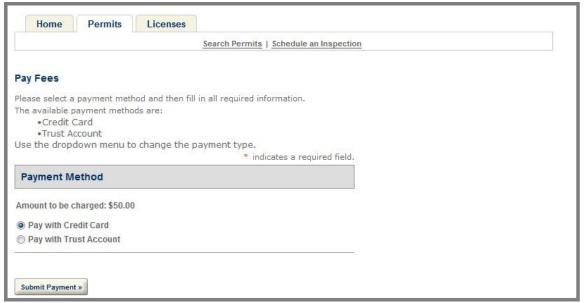


Back on the search screen: If there are fees due on a permit, you will see a **Pay Fees Due** link under the Action column. Click that link and follow the instructions provided to pay the fees on that permit.

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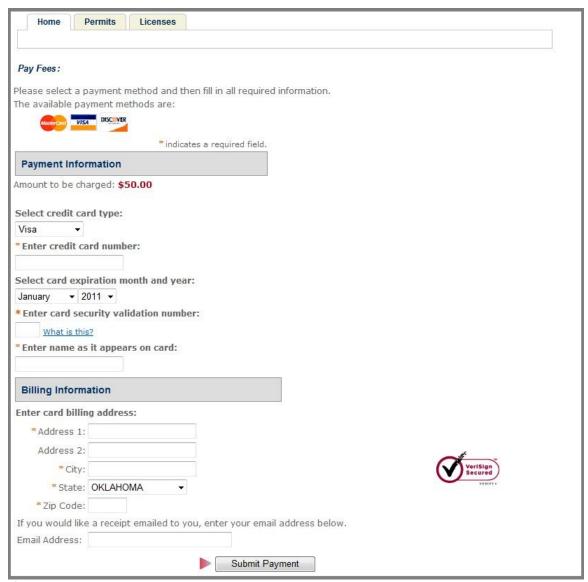


You can securely pay with Visa or Mastercard – or you can py with Trust Account if you have one set up with the City and it has enough money in it to pay the fees.

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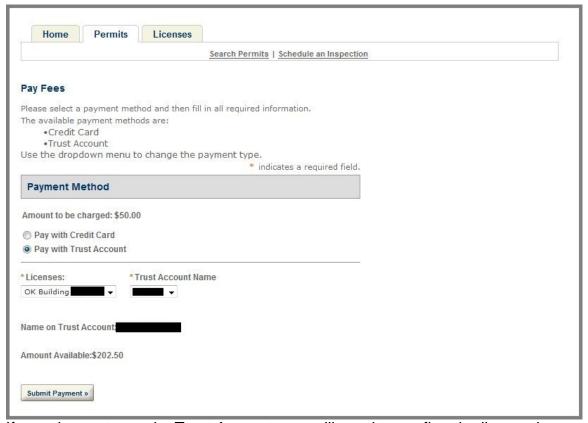


If you choose to pay by credit card, you will see this screen. Fill it out and be sure to include your email address at the bottom if you would like to receive a receipt via email.

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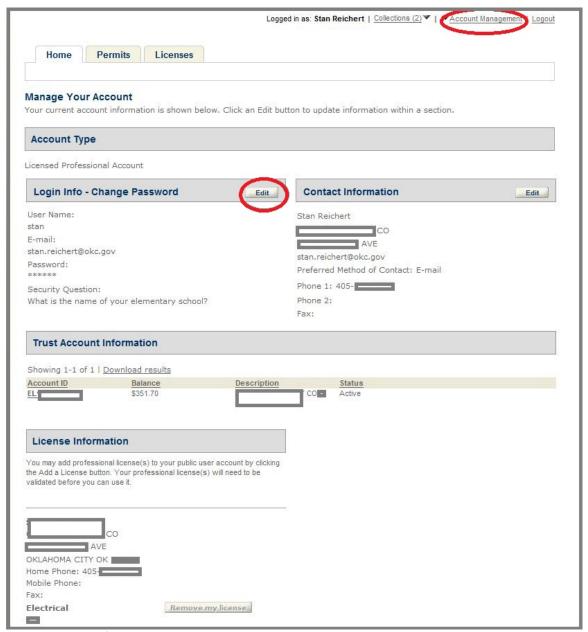
If you choose to pay by Trust Account, you will need to confirm the licensed account and associated trust account to pay with. For your convenience, your trust account available balance is shown on this page.

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Account Management



To manage information related to your login account, click on the <u>Account Management</u> link at the top of any page. You will then see a summary of your account information. To change the password or security question/answer on your account, click the Edit button to the right of "Login Info – Change Password" header.

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To change your password, enter your current password, your new password, and your new password again and/or you can change your security question and answer. Click Save button when you have made your changes or click Cancel button to not make any changes. Notice that you cannot modify your username...this field can never be changed. You must create a new login account and use a different email address.

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NOTE: If you forget your password, click <u>l've forgotten my password</u> link on the login screen before you log in. This process is a little different because the system will email you a temporary password when you verify your email address and security question/answer. After logging in with your temporary password, you will then be prompted to change your password.

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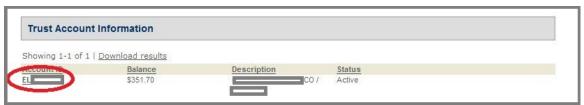


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If you have more than one license on your account and would like to delete one, click on the Remove my license button next to the license to be removed. If there is only one license associated to your account, this option will be greyed out and not available.

If you need to add a license to your account, click on the Add a License button and follow the same procedure to add a license as you did when you first registered an account online.

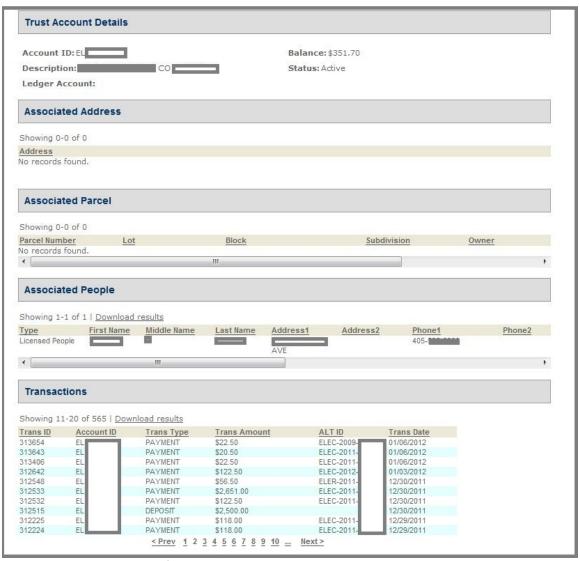


To see details about your trust account you have associated to your license, click on your account #.

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You will be see details from your trust account including your current balance and details of deposits and payments (withdrawals) from your account.

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