



CITY OF EDGEWOOD PRESS RELEASE

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SCAM ALERT: Fraudulent Emails Targeting Permit Applicants

Edgewood, FL — The City of Edgewood is warning residents, property owners, and permit applicants about fraudulent emails impersonating City planning, zoning, and building staff. These emails may appear official and reference real projects, but they are not sent by the City and should be treated as scams.

The fraudulent messages often claim that additional fees such as an application submission fee, zoning review fee, environmental impact fee, or other permit-related payment is required to continue processing. In some cases, scammers use publicly available information from agendas or applications to appear legitimate and may request payment by wire transfer or direct recipients to click on malicious links.

Important Information

- These emails are not legitimate. The City of Edgewood does not send unsolicited invoices by email.
- Do not respond, click links, open attachments, or send money.
- Official City communications will only come from email addresses ending in **@edgewood-fl.gov** and are typically discussed with applicants by phone or in person prior to such emails.
- Any applicable fees for a project are collected only through the City's official online payment system via credit card or in person at City Hall via check/cash. The City will **never** request payment by wire transfer, PayPal, Venmo, Cash App, or similar third-party services.

How to Spot a Scam Email

- Sender email addresses that do not match official City domains
- Urgent or threatening language demanding immediate action
- Requests for wire transfers or unusual payment methods
- Links or attachments directing you to non-City websites

If you receive a suspicious email claiming to be from the City, or are unsure whether an email is legitimate, please contact the City of Edgewood directly using contact information listed on the official City of Edgewood website or by using previous communications with trusted members of staff you have previously spoken with. The City is actively monitoring these scams and will provide updates as needed to help protect our community from fraudulent activity.

Sincerely,

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