

City Fact Sheet



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Startup in a Day Initiative

“Startup in a Day” is Vancouver’s pledge to increase efficiency and online service delivery to business.

Startup in a Day is an initiative designed to help cities streamline licensing, permitting and other requirements needed to start a business, with the goal that an entrepreneur can apply for everything necessary to begin a business within one day. Vancouver already has a history of achieving increased efficiency and service delivery online and has pledged to improve service delivery even further by enhancing online tools.

With the designation, Vancouver joined a group of cities nationwide to share best practices and build community development and implementation of startup solutions.

The SBA is conducting the Startup in a Day initiative in partnership with the National League of Cities (NLC), which represents thousands of municipal leaders around the country. The SBA District includes Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties in Southwest Washington as well as 30 of the 36 counties in Oregon.

Vancouver was the first city in our district to receive the Startup in A Day designation.

City of Vancouver’s pledge to increase efficiency and online service delivery to business:

- Additional Business Resources to help entrepreneurs find start-up resources
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/additional-business-resources>
- Local business license applications can now be applied for through the state’s business license website
www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/building-and-permitting-services
- Building inspections may be requested via the web or by phone
- A web-based electronic plan review software program (known as ePlans) which allows for land use and engineering, and building plans to be submitted remotely to the City and reviewed by staff without the need for paper plans.
- We pledge to continue putting additional information online and streamlining services.

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