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# MONTEREY RESIDENTS CAN NOW ACCESS PROPERTY INFORMATION ONLINE

Monterey, CA – The City of Monterey has launched a Geographical Information System (GIS) tool that allows citizens to search for and review a wealth of property information online. A link to GIS can be found under the "City Hall" tab on the home page of the City's website, www.monterey.org

With the Property Review tool, citizens can search for Monterey property information by address, street name, and parcel number (APN). They can find information about a specific property, such as its zoning or Community Policing Area. They also can view jurisdiction boundaries, such as neighborhoods, and see where a property falls within those boundaries.

Property Review provides access to the County Assessor's data for any property, but does not make property owners' names publicly available. Assessor's drawings and Sanborn Maps of properties are available. High resolution aerial photos of the entire City and any property within its boundaries can be viewed. Searches by place name for landmarks, businesses, parking and more can also be done. Maps can be printed and a map title can be added.

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Planned enhancements include adding links to zoning regulation information and adding additional data layers. Aerial photos for Pacific Grove are also in the works.

Property Review is just one of the GIS tools available online. Residents can find out if their property requires a Backwater Valve that prevents sewage from backing up into their homes. The City requires backwater valves be installed on sewer laterals if the lowest plumbing fixture in a home is less than two feet above the nearest upstream manhole cover.

There also is a search and map tool for El Encinal Cemetery. Citizens can now find cemetery markers online by last name, year born, or year deceased. Many Monterey family members and several historical figures, including John Steinbeck's longtime friend Edward "Doc" Ricketts, are buried at the city cemetery.

Online GIS was developed by the City of Monterey Information Resources Department. It is one of many city services provided online for the convenience of our citizens.

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