

CivCheck — Seattle's AI Pre-Screening Pilot Cuts Permit Intake Review Time by Half

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Seattle's Department of Construction and Inspections piloted the CivCheck AI tool from March to October 2025, cutting average intake review time by about 50% and correction cycles by 35% for small residential permits, while flagging where AI compliance checks still fall short.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections \(SDCI\) & Innovation & Performance](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[Seattle Innovation & Performance: CivCheck pilot study](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

[GeekWire: Seattle to deploy AI to speed up permit process](#) — accessed 2026-08-18

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