Payment for 3D Printing Services at Bellingham Makerspace

Overview

This page outlines the payment procedures for 3D printing services at Bellingham Makerspace. Understanding these procedures ensures that members can efficiently manage transactions, contributing to the sustainable operation and improvement of our community's resources.

Why We Charge for 3D Printing

- **Operational Costs**: 3D printing involves maintenance and upkeep of machines, software updates, and material costs. Charging helps cover these expenses.
- **Responsible Usage**: Implementing a fee encourages members to optimize resource use, reducing waste and promoting careful planning of print jobs.
- **Sustainability**: Revenue from printing services is reinvested into the makerspace, allowing for upgrades, new equipment purchases, and cost reductions over time.
- **Community Growth**: Fees support community workshops and educational programs, fostering learning and collaboration within the makerspace.
- **Fair Access**: Charging for services helps regulate demand, ensuring all members have equal access to 3D printing capabilities.

Payment Methods

At the Counter:

1. **Review Your Bill**: Staff will provide a detailed cost breakdown for your print job, including materials used and any other applicable fees.
2. **Payment Options**:
   - Acceptable methods include cash, credit/debit cards, and electronic payments like Apple Pay or Google Wallet.
3. **Receipt**: You will receive a receipt upon payment, important for your records.

Via PayPal Link:

PayPal

1. **Payment Link**: After your 3D print order is placed, you will receive a PayPal link via email or on your user dashboard.

2. **Completing the Transaction**:
   - You can pay using your PayPal account or credit/debit card through PayPal's guest checkout.
   - Include "3D Printing" in the notes
3. **Confirmation**: After payment, you will receive confirmation emails from both PayPal and Bellingham Makerspace.

Example Cost Calculation for 25 Grams
- **Material Cost**: 25 grams × $0.15/gram = $3.75
- **Flat Fee**: $3.00
- **Total Cost**: $3.75 + $3.00 = $6.75

This example illustrates a typical cost for a small print job, helping members estimate their expenses.

Conclusion

Bellingham Makerspace offers flexible payment options to accommodate all members. By contributing to the cost of printing, you help sustain and grow the resources available to our community.