



CITY OF SAN DIEGO - 1222 FIRST AVE., M.S. 501, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Updated Notice of Planned Permit Extension Ordinance

On July 15, 2024, the San Diego City Council will consider proposed Municipal Code amendments that would affect the following:

Authority to Issue

- Clarify the City Engineer's authority to issue Public Right of Way permits. Currently, the municipal code identifies the Building Official as the sole authority.

Permit Application and Permit Extensions

- Allow for an additional 180-day application extension for both Grading Permit and Public Right of Way permit applications. Presently, the application regulations expire the permit application after two years and allow for one 180-day extension.
- Allow issued Building Permits one additional year to complete and to now expire three years after permit issuance in lieu of the current two-year timeframe.
- Allow Building Permit applications an additional year to process before they expire, resulting in a two-year application validity period similar to Grading and Public Right of Way permit applications. This will be effective for applications created after June 1, 2024.
- Allow two additional 180-day extensions for Building Permit applications on any application that was closed on or after June 1, 2024. These applications will be extended from the last close date, including those that had been previously extended. These extensions are not automatic.

- The first application extension is conditioned on the applicant demonstrating a difficulty to proceed beyond the applicant's control.
- The second application extension can be only granted if, of the below conditions, both condition 1 and either condition 2 or condition 3 is satisfied:
 1. The Building Official may extend a Building Permit application for one additional period not exceeding 180 calendar days if the Building Official determines that the building standards effective at the time that the application was submitted are sufficient to protect public health and safety or the project complies with significant life and safety building standards effective at the time that the application was submitted and:
 2. The additional application extension is in the public interest; or
 3. Circumstances beyond the control of the applicant prevented the issuance of the Building Permit.

Permit fees will be invoiced based on the fee rules in effect at the time of permit issuance for permit applications that have their application close date extended.

The proposed regulations to amend the [Land Development Code](#) by ordinance are expected to be presented to the [City Council](#) at the July 15, 2024, meeting. If approved, the regulations are expected to go into effect after full Council adoption (two hearings are required) in September of this year. The Land Use and Housing Committee approved [the proposal](#) on April 4, 2024.

The proposed regulations for Building Permit application expiration rules will be effective for applications that expired on or after June 1, 2024, subject to Council approval. Authorized time extensions for eligible Building Permit applications extend the time period from the last application close date. Building Permit application extension requests will be accepted for eligible projects after the effective date of the proposed Ordinance, which is expected to be mid-September.

What are the current processing times?

You can now check on [permit processing timelines](#) for intake, review and permit issuance.

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