



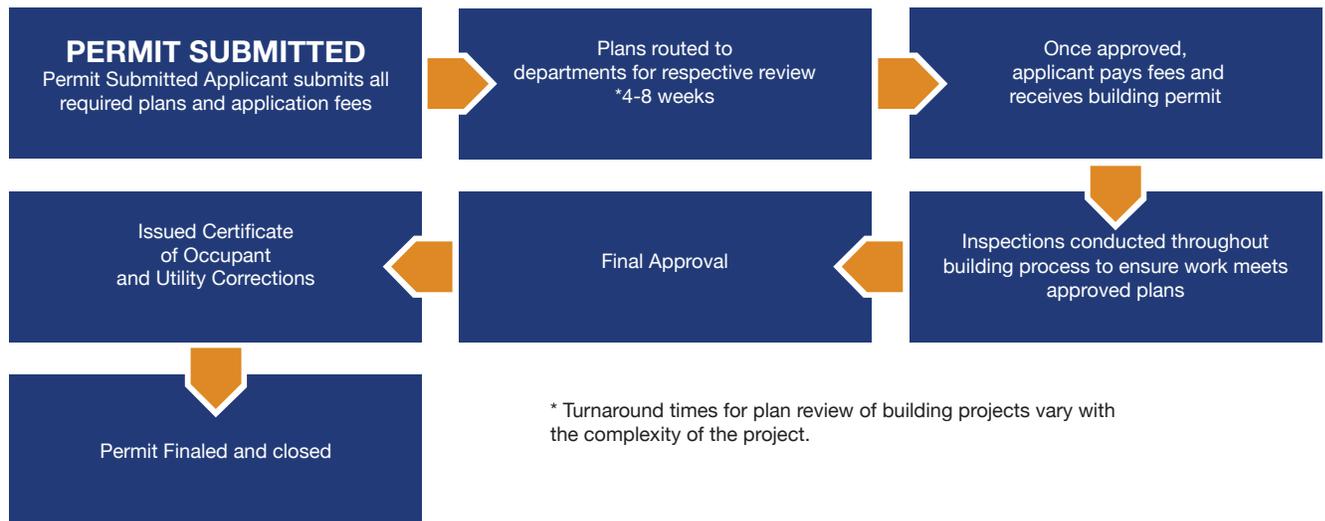
Information Series: Sustainable Growth Management - Housing and State Law - How the Development Review Process Works - Current Development Projects - Building Height and Density - Infrastructure and New Development

BUILDING AND SAFETY

Regulating the construction or renovation of buildings is an important aspect of consumer protection that benefits both residents and visitors to our city. Before a building is constructed or altered, the property owner is responsible for obtaining a building permit from the **Building & Safety Division**. Plans are reviewed to ensure the design satisfies all national, state and local building codes. This includes codes for building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, disabled access, energy compliance, green buildings and storm water control regulations. Once the permit is issued, our staff of certified inspectors will conduct inspections for building code compliance and to make sure that the work is consistent with the plans approved by the City.

PERMITTING PROCESS

The following is a simplified version of the building permit process. You can view a full version of the permitting process on our website at <https://www.slocity.org/home/showdocument?id=3880>





CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers and Code Enforcement Technicians are staff members working to promote health and safety in neighborhoods and increase awareness and information about City policies and municipal codes. They investigate potential code violations in response to complaints filed by community members and actively patrol for violations of property maintenance standards. Below are examples of code violations that impact neighborhood quality:

- **Property Maintenance Violations**
- **Unpermitted Construction**
- **Occupancy Violations**
- **Homestay Violations**
- **Sign Violations**
- **Substandard Buildings**
- **Land Use Violations**
- **Construction Noise**



PROCESS OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT CASE

COMPLAINT RECEIVED



A complaint is received and a request is opened. If the complaint pertains to another department or agency, it is referred and then closed.

INVESTIGATION



Code Enforcement Officers conduct an investigation, which may include performing research; conducting interviews; sending correspondence; inspecting sites; and making determinations.

ENFORCEMENT



Enforcement steps may include written warnings; notice to correct; citations and fees; ordering unsafe buildings or sites to be closed or vacated; and enforcement of permits.

HEARING



Parties may appeal enforcement actions. The process includes case preparation; correspondence; scheduling and holding a hearing; and issuing final notices.

FINAL PROCESSING & CLOSED



Final processing occurs when the complaint is referred, unfounded, or abated and all fees are paid.

Additional Information:

A customer guide with additional information on the permitting process may be clicking on the following link: <https://www.slocity.org/home/showdocument?id=4680>

