"Fall Training" is a Week of Seminars on Development Review and Building Permits

Seminars are Scheduled Daily During the Week of November 26–30, 2001

Building on the success that the department had in its Spring 2001 training, Development Services is offering new topics of training. Development Services Website, Project Submittal Requirements for Construction Permits, The Use of Standard Templates for Construction Permits, Do-It-Yourself: Simple Permits for Homeowners, Stormwater Regulations for New Developments are topics to be covered during the week of November 26-30, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

These "Fall Training" seminars will be presented by experienced Development Services staff. The purpose of these seminars is to inform our customers of new regulations and more efficient ways of obtaining development review and building information and permits. They will be held at the department's Field Inspection Services offices located at 9601 Ridgehaven Ct., #220, San Diego. Each seminar costs $5 per person per seminar; lunch included.

Special inspectors, agencies, testing labs must recertify

Certification for special inspectors, special inspection agencies and construction materials testing laboratories—allowing them to work on construction projects in the City of San Diego—expires Dec. 31, 2001. The inspectors, agencies and laboratories must be recertified in their present category to continue work in the City of San Diego.

Continuous and periodic special inspections are required for some types of work such as concrete, masonry and welding under the California Building Code. These certified special inspectors are hired by the department.

Fee collection method changes for grading, public right-of-way permits on October 15

Charges for plan review and inspection services for public improvements and grading permits will be changed to a deposit-account system beginning Monday, October 15. With the exception of standard improvements, such as curbs, driveways, and sidewalks, projects with an improvement cost less than $50,000 will now be charged through a deposit account. Deposit accounts reflect the actual costs incurred by City staff and applicants.

Under deposit accounts, customers deposit funds with the City of San Diego; City staff then charge their actual time spent checking the plans against the deposit. Customers receive itemized monthly statements.

With this change, the Development Services Department will be able to maintain its current, industry-requested service levels in reviewing and inspecting projects for code compliance and safety.

The department's updated Information Bulletin 502 lists all the charges in detail.

For more information, call (619) 557-7979.
Inspection meetings help train your staff on in's and out's of getting a project completed

The Development Services Department's Inspection Services staff will meet with your company to help better understand requirements and operations of field inspections. These no-cost meetings can be held at the Inspection Services Office on Ridgehaven Court, or at your company's site. Topics include the inspection process, special inspection, exit illumination, disabled access, temporary occupancy and final inspections. There is no charge for this service. To schedule, call Joe Harris, Senior Structural Inspector, at (858) 492-5070.

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City inspectors and kept as part of the project's permanent record. Materials such as concrete and masonry are also required to be tested under the Building Code. Materials testing laboratories provide this service and are also certified under the program.

Renewal certification applications were mailed in July. Applications with supporting documents and fees must be submitted by Dec. 31 to the department; late renewals are subject to penalty fees.

Contact Mehdi Shadyab at (619) 446-5088 for more details.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Traffic Control Training Class
Cost: $42 per person.
For information, call (619) 446-6284
Location:
City of San Diego
Development Services/Environmental Services
9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220
Please select a seminar
   □ October 17
   □ November 21

Please complete the following information

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Amount enclosed
Please make check payable to:
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Traffic Control Class
City of San Diego Development Services Department
Land Development Review
Traffic Control Section
1222 First Ave., MS-502
San Diego, CA 92101

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Fall Training Seminars
Cost: $35 per person, per seminar
For information, call Salami Hasenin (619) 446-5212
To R.S.V.P., call Lu'Cretha Washington (619) 446-5447
Location:
City of San Diego Development Services Field Inspection Services Office
9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220, San Diego
Please select a seminar
   □ Mon., Nov. 19: Constructioning a Source of Information
   □ Tues., Nov. 20: The Use of Standard Templates for Construction Permits
   □ Wed., Nov. 21: The Use of Standard Templates for Construction Permits
   □ Thurs., Nov. 22: Do it Yourself: Simple Permits for Homeowners
   □ Fri., Nov. 30: Stormwater Regulations for New Development

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Special Inspection, Structural Test Class Set For Nov. 8

Special inspection and structural testing will be the subject of a City of San Diego Development Services Department seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8.

On many construction projects, specific types of work are required to be inspected by a certified special inspector. Specific materials such as concrete, masonry, high-strength bolts or welds may also need testing.

Topics include: special inspection, testing requirements in 1998 California Building Code, Chapter 17, special inspection requirements on plans/specifications, designer's responsibility; and Building Newsletters 17-1 through 17-10.

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

New submittal requirements expected to take effect November 2

New requirements for of plan submittal are expected to go into effect on Nov. 2, following approval by the City Council on Oct. 2.

The new requirements will be effective on all major projects, those requiring discretionary review under the Land Development Code, and many other types of projects.

In addition, a completeness review will be required on residential projects. The review is performed at a cost of $200.

At plan submittal staff can identify a project as complex and require the review. In addition, projects such as the following are identified as complex and require the $200 review: commercial, office and multifamily residential buildings more than three stories.

Requests for partial permits for work such as foundation or structural frame also require the completeness review.

Projects missing major elements as identified in the submittal manual will require resubmittal with an additional $200 submitted completeness review fee.

In addition to the completeness check fee, a requirements were set for notes, specifications and other information that must be marked on plans. Plans can be rejected if the information is not included.

For more information, call (619) 446-5068 or see our website.

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Class topics and dates are as follows:

- Monday, November 26: Development Services Website, a Source of Information: Supervising Plan Review Specialist Salam Hasenin will present ways to access and navigate through the City and Department's website. This seminar will also cover information and requests through electronic mail and how to obtain simple permits through the Internet.
- Tuesday, November 27: Project Submittal Requirements for Construction Permits: Senior Structural Engineer, Afshaneh Ahmadi, P.E., will cover the minimum intake standards and requirements for submitted projects. Projects submitted with complete plans and in accordance with the minimum submittal requirements will go through the plan review and approval process quicker and more efficiently. The Land Development Manual can be found on our website at www.sandiego.gov/development-services.
- Wednesday, November 28: The Use of Standard Templates for Construction Permits: In the department's efforts to streamline processes and standardize certain types of building permits, it has implemented the Template Program. Senior Structural Engineer Hamid Irannajad, S.E., will go over the new Template Program, an easy standard to obtain the most common and requested building permits.
- Thursday, November 29: Do It Yourself: Simple Permits for Homeowners: Supervising Plan Review Specialist David Vega will go over one of our most popular services; Homeowner's Night. Implemented in 1989 by the department, homeowner's night offers customers a convenient way to obtain permits for do-it-yourself projects.
- Friday, November 30: Stormwater Regulations for New Development: Senior Civil Engineer Cal Chong, P.E., will give a presentation on the recent Municipal Storm Water Permit which was adopted by the State of California on February 21, 2001. Mr. Chong will concentrate on how the permit affects development in the City. An emphasis will be placed on requirements for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans, SWPPP, and Best Management Practices (BMP) during construction and post construction activities.

For more information, please contact Supervising Plan Review Specialist Salam Hasenin at (619) 446-5212, see our website, or complete the reservation form on the back. Or, R.S.V.P. to Lu Cretia Washington (619) 446-5447. Each seminar costs $5 per person per seminar; lunch included.

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Testing on the system showed one plumbing contractor ordering 40 water heater installation permits in one session. Before SimplEpermits, an individual permit application form had to be completed for each permit, then hand-delivered or faxed to the Development Services Department office.

Permits available through SimplEpermits are for work not requiring plans that are checked by the Development Services Department.

Work covered by these permits includes water heater or furnace replacement, moving or adding a natural gas line, or adding or moving electric sockets.

Contractors performing simple electrical work and plumbing repair are encouraged to use the service.

An inspection can also be requested at the same time permits are ordered.

"With SimplEpermits, the only City employee the customer will see is the inspector, who is there to ensure the work's safety and compliance with the building code," said Christiansen.

To order the permits, customers visit the Development Services Department section of the City of San Diego website at:

http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/simpleremits.shtml

The project address and a MasterCard or Visa credit card are needed. Contractors will also need to have proof of workers compensation insurance.

Owner-builders, such as home owners doing work on their own homes, can also use the system. Proof of workers compensation insurance is not required for owner-builders.

For more information, see the web site or call Terry Marshall at (619) 446-5434.
Now here...

Get no-plan permits online!
See our website...http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services

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**Community Planning**

Executive Complex, 1010 Second Ave., Engineering and Capital Projects Dept., Traffic Engineering.

Civic Center Plaza, 1200 Third Ave., Neighborhood Code Compliance

Community Service Centers are located in many neighborhoods, including Clairemont, Market Street, Mid-City, Navajo, Otay Mesa/Neptune, Peninsula, Rancho Bernardo and San Ysidro. Call City Information at (619) 236-5555 for the nearest location and operating hours.