

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: July 27, 2020

Subject: Week of July 27, Summary of Department Operational Changes

As the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is continuously evolving, the Development Services Department (DSD) is adjusting how it provides essential City services to customers. DSD operational changes are fluid and updated as needed to help ensure the health, safety and well-being of customers and employees of essential businesses.

DSD sends process update <u>emails to subscribed customers</u> to keep stakeholders informed of the latest news, as significant operational changes are incorporated. An email recap will be sent at the end of the week if significant changes occur. Customers are encouraged to visit <u>sandiego.gov/dsd-covid19</u> to keep updated on all of the latest changes. Here is a summary of this week's service changes:

- Temporary Outdoor Business Operations Expansion: On Monday, July 20, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer issued an Executive Order temporarily allowing personal services, including hair and nail salons, as well as gyms, instructional studios and religious assemblies to expand into private parking lots effective immediately. The order follows an urgency ordinance passed on July 14, allowing the issues of temporary permits for the expansion of outdoor dining and retail on to the public right-of-way, private parking lots or public spaces. Learn more.
- **Virtual Inspections:** DSD is now offering optional virtual inspections for 23 common inspections for customer convenience while addressing COVID-19 risks and abiding by social distancing requirements. <u>Learn more</u>. **#DigitialDSD**
- **Turnaround Times:** There have been delays and a backlog in processing project set ups, stamp transfers and permit issuance. The department is reviewing and streamlining current processes and has strategically deployed personnel to speed up turnaround times. To inquire about the status of your project, please use the Project Status Request Form.

• **Shared Mobility Device Operators Permit:** The application period for shared mobility device rental companies to operate permitted devices during August 2020 through January 2021 closes on July 31. <u>Learn more</u>.

COVID-19 Information

Stay informed about COVID-19 by visiting the <u>City's COVID-19 Information page</u>, the <u>Center for Disease Control website</u> and the <u>County of San Diego Health and Human Services</u> website.

Email Updates

Visit sandiego.gov/dsd-email to keep up-to-date with DSD via email.