



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

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Date: Sept. 18, 2020**

**Subject: Week of Sept. 18, Summary of Department Operational Changes**

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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 [emails to subscribed customers](#) 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 [sandiego.gov/dsd-covid19](https://sandiego.gov/dsd-covid19) to keep updated on all of the latest changes. Here is a summary of this week's service changes:

- **Interim Engineering Division Deputy Director Appointed:** Engineering Program Manager George Ghossain has been appointed Interim Deputy Director of DSD's Engineering Division. George began his career at the City of San Diego in 1998 as a student engineer in DSD. He previously worked in the private sector and with the City's Planning Department before returning to DSD in 2019. He is a licensed professional engineer in California and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering. The division's primary function is to perform reviews on permitting, engineering, traffic control and mapping related approvals at both the discretionary and ministerial level for compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

We would like to recognize and thank industry stakeholders and customers for their outpouring of heartfelt support to the Doringo family and helping set up the [Edric Doringo Memorial Fund](#). The Doringo family and DSD sincerely appreciate the expressions of kindness and sympathy. Read [Edric's obituary](#).

- **Temporary Outdoor Business Operations Expansion:** On Sept. 15, 2020, the City Council extended the Interim Emergency Ordinance that allows for personal services, including hair and nail salons, as well as gyms, instructional studios and religious assemblies to operate

with a permit outdoors on the public right-of-way and public spaces, and without permits on private parking lots by 10.5 months. [Learn more](#).

- **Technical Advisory Ad Hoc Committee (TAC) Meeting:** The next TAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11:30 a.m. Please look for the meeting agenda [here](#) before the meeting.

### **COVID-19 Information**

Stay informed about COVID-19 by visiting the [City's COVID-19 Information page](#), the [Center for Disease Control website](#) and the [County of San Diego Health and Human Services](#) website.

### **Email Updates**

Visit [sandiego.gov/dsd-email](https://sandiego.gov/dsd-email) to keep up-to-date with DSD via email.