Plan Preparation & Submittal Guidelines  
for Open Cases  
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**Permit Requirements**

- **Demolition Permit:** Required when structures will be completely removed, including foundation. Exceptions exist for some structures less than 500 square feet, without plumbing or electrical. Typically, plans are not required for demolition permits (see Information Bulletin 710 – How to Obtain a Demolition Permit).

- **Building or Combination Permit:** Required for new construction or the removal or demolition of only part of a structure.

- **Electrical, Plumbing or Mechanical Permits:** Separate electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits are required for multifamily and nonresidential construction projects, or for single family and duplex projects that only involve electrical, mechanical or plumbing/gas work without any building permit work. Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing/Gas Permits can be obtained at the same time the Building permit is issued.

- **Grading and Public Right-of-Way (including EMRA) Permits:** These are construction permits required for grading on private property and the construction, reconstruction, or repair of improvements within the public right-of-way. Reference Section 3 of the Project Submittal Manual.

- Refer to the following DSD webpages for additional processing information:
  - [https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services](https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services)
  - [https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/devprocess](https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/devprocess)

**Plan Requirements** - *See **EXAMPLE** below for clarification.*

The following plan requirements for open cases in the Code Enforcement Division (CED) are in addition to those listed in the Development Services Department (DSD) Project Submittal Manual, located at: [https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/information/codesregreq](https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/information/codesregreq).

1. **Scope of Work** - The scope of work must be listed on the first page and include the words “Code Enforcement Case” along with the case number (*Example: CED #123456*).

2. The following labels must be used on all plan drawings for submittal:
   a. **“Proposed”** - All work to be reviewed is proposed. This can be unpermitted or newly added work.
   b. **“Existing”** - Only work that was legally permitted and that will remain unchanged can be labeled “existing.”
   c. **“Non-permitted or unpermitted”** – Use these designations for all unpermitted construction to remain or be removed.
Sample Site Plan

NOTE: All floor plans, elevations and other required plans must be similarly marked to accurately reflect the scope of work.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Unpermitted work addressed in this permit:
1. Maintain unpermitted addition to existing one story, single dwelling unit.
2. Remove unpermitted deck.

New construction addressed in this permit:
3. Construct new patio cover.

Code Enforcement Case: CED #123456

SITE PLAN

Legal Description:
Lot 123, Block 4 of
City Heights Subdivision
Map 5678
APN# 123-456-78

Site Address:
1234 Elm Street
San Diego, CA
92100

Ownership Information:
Mr. & Mrs. Smith
1234 Elm Street
San Diego, CA 92100
(619) 555-1234
3. **Define areas that are unpermitted on the plans:**

   a. These areas can be shaded or darkened (highlighted) in the unpermitted areas to denote they are installed without permits.
   
   b. A legend can be provided to identify the unpermitted work and a numbering symbol can be placed next to the work area.
   
   c. Clarify what is “to remain” and what is “to be removed.” Work must be identified as “non-permitted to be removed” or “non-permitted to remain.”

4. **Additional Work:**

   a. If an applicant wishes to add new construction (work not yet started) to the plans along with legalizing the unpermitted construction (work already completed or in progress without the required permits) both must be clearly shown and labeled on the plans.
   
   b. The scope of the work and the drawings need to identify which areas are “new construction” and which areas are “unpermitted.”

**Plan Review/Stamping Procedure**

- The applicant shall initially provide two sets of plans to the assigned CED investigator/inspector for review: one set remains in the case file; the other set is for the applicant.

- After all requirements are met for the CED components, the applicant shall provide at least four* sets of plans, which will be stamped by the investigator/inspector to allow submittal per the DSD Project Submittal Manual.

  a. The CED investigator/inspector will keep one set of plans for the case file.
  
  b. Three sets of stamped plans are provided for the applicant to continue with the submittal process per the DSD Project Submittal Manual. *NOTE: Depending on the permits/reviews required, additional plan sets may be required, per the Project Submittal Manual.

- Contact the assigned CED investigator/inspector to make an appointment to submit your plans for review/stamping. Call (619) 236-5500 or search [http://opendsd.sandiego.gov/web/cecases/](http://opendsd.sandiego.gov/web/cecases/) to determine the assigned CED investigator/inspector.

**Stamp Transfer for Permit Issuance**

Three sets of approved plans are required to obtain permits for construction. The first two sets of plans must be complete, identical, and contain all applicable stamps and signatures of approval. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all stamps and signatures of approval on two of these final sets of plans (commonly referred to as a ‘stamp transfer’). The third set is for the County Assessor and only has the final approval stamp from DSD.

The stamp transfer must be performed by the assigned CED investigator/inspector. Please contact the assigned CED investigator/inspector to make an appointment to obtain a stamp transfer prior to permit issuance. Call (619) 236-5500 or search [http://opendsd.sandiego.gov/web/cecases/](http://opendsd.sandiego.gov/web/cecases/) to determine the assigned CED investigator/inspector.

*NOTE: This section regarding Stamp Transfers does not apply to Grading Permits, from a CED perspective.*