

SECTION 106 PERMITS

106.1 Permits required.

106.1.1 Building permits. No person shall erect, construct, alter, repair, demolish, remove or move any building or structure, nor shall any person commence any liquid washing, compressed air cleaning or steam cleaning of exterior surfaces of any building unless said person has obtained a permit from the Department. A separate permit shall be obtained for each separate building or structure except a group of temporary structures erected on one site for a limited period of time be included on one permit.

Where the installation, alteration or repair of ventilation equipment or ductwork is not included within the scope of a valid building permit, a separate building permit shall be obtained for the work.

Sandblasting, liquid washing, compressed air cleaning, steam cleaning of exterior surfaces of buildings adjacent to and within 20 feet (6096 mm) of pedestrian walkways in dedicated streets in the limits of Fire District No. 1 shall be done only between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or on Sundays.

Where complete plans for a proposed building are filed with the Department and where a foundation only permit is issued with respect thereto in accordance with rules established by the Superintendent of Building pursuant to Section 22.19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, a building permit may be issued for the remainder of the building within 1 year after the issuance of the foundation only permit, provided such plans and specifications comply with all applicable Los Angeles Building Code provisions in effect at the time of issuance of such foundation only permit.

106.1.2 Grading permits. No person shall commence or perform any grading, and no person shall import or export any earth materials to or from any grading site, without first having obtained a permit from the Department. No person shall perform any grading within areas designated "hill-side" unless a copy of the permit is in the possession of a responsible person and available at the site for display upon request.

Any grading project involving more than 100 cubic yards (76.5 m³) of excavation and involving an excavation in excess of 5 feet (1524 mm) in vertical depth at its deepest point measured from the original ground surface shall be done by a State of California licensed contractor who is licensed to perform the work described herein.

A separate permit shall be required for each grading site. One permit may include the entire grading operation at that site, however.

Exception: All other provisions of the Code shall apply, but a permit will not be required if the work complies with any one of the following conditions:

- 1. An excavation which (a) is less than 2 feet (610 mm) in depth, or (b) which does not create a cut slope greater than 5 feet (1524 mm) in height and steeper than one unit vertical in two units horizon-

tal (50 percent slope). This exception shall not apply to cut which exceeds 50 cubic yards (38.3 m³) or which changes the existing drainage pattern.

- 2. A fill less than one foot (305 mm) in depth and placed on natural terrain with a slope flatter than one unit vertical in 10 units horizontal (10-percent slope). This exception shall not apply when the fill exceeds 50 cubic yards (38.3 m³) or when the fill changes the existing drainage pattern.
3. Excavations, located in hillside areas, for caissons or piles under buildings or structures authorized by valid building permits.
4. Excavations, not located in hillside areas, for basements, footings, caissons, piles, swimming pools or underground structures which are authorized by valid building permits.
5. Excavations for wells or tunnels or utilities, which do not provide vertical or lateral support for buildings, or adversely impact the safety or stability of private or public properties.

Grading permits may be waived by the Department for excavations under buildings or structures in hillside areas, if the applicant can demonstrate that the site is relatively level, or the excavation is entirely for footings and/or grade beams not exceeding 5 feet (1524 mm) deep.

106.1.3 Temporary permits. Before commencing the construction of any work for temporary use, a building permit authorizing such work shall be obtained from the Department. Such construction shall be occupied or used only for the period set forth on the permit application, but shall not exceed 120 days.

Except for tents and bleachers, application for permit shall be filed at least seven days prior to the construction, erection or operation of any device, structure, or any work regulated by this article for temporary use.

All temporary construction or installations shall be demolished or removed within five days after the expiration of the Certificate of Occupancy. Requests for inspection must be received by the Department at least 2 days prior to public use or occupancy.

106.2 Exceptions. Permit not required for:

- 1. Where the work regulated by this Code is valued at \$500.00 or less, unless it affects the structural stability of a building, or public safety, or is done to make a building conform to the requirements of this Code for a change in use or occupancy.
2. Flag poles and towers not erected upon a building and not more than 15 feet (4572 mm) high. Radio and television antennae towers which do not exceed 45 feet (13716 mm) in height or light standards which do not exceed 30 feet (9144 mm) in height.
3. Construction sheds and sidewalk protection canopies built pursuant to Chapter 33.