



City of Malibu News

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City of Malibu Continues Essential City Services with Woolsey Fire Rebuild and Other Planning Department Services During Coronavirus Stay at Home Orders

(Malibu, CA) – Although City Hall is closed and all non-essential services are suspended, the City of Malibu continues to offer essential City services to the community including working with residents who lost their homes during the 2018 Woolsey Fire and are working to rebuild and recover.

“The City of Malibu continues to offer essential City services, and Woolsey Fire rebuilding is essential,” said Mayor Karen Farrer. “It is a terrible hardship to be struggling to rebuild a lost home and on top of that have to stay at home and practice social distancing, and manage family business and finances with jobs and school on hold. We understand that and we are doing everything possible to help residents continue Woolsey Fire rebuilding work.”

The Planning Department continues to provide many services remotely, especially pertaining to fire rebuilds and existing applications, with some changes to procedures and anticipated delays on some items. The COVID-19 pandemic and County and State stay at home orders have created a rapidly evolving situation for residents, building professionals as well as City and other public agency staff. The Planning Department staff is working on alternative solutions for providing counter services and accepting new applications. Residents and building professionals are urged to check the Planning Department web page regularly for updates, and the City will announce service changes on social media, e-notifications and other channels.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

General Inquiries - To contact Planning staff for general inquiries, call 310-456-2489, ext. 485 and leave a message with your contact information. Additionally, inquiries may be sent by email to mplanning@malibucity.org. Staff is checking and responding to messages throughout the day during regular business hours.

New Hours - All Planning staff are currently working Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All Case Planners are working remotely on existing applications. Case Planners may be contacted directly by phone or email.

Fire Rebuilds - Staff continues to process fire rebuild projects. Contact Aundrea Cruz at acruz@malibucity.org or 310-456-2489, ext. 379 to arrange to submit your planning application or to submit Woolsey Fire fee waiver requests

Application Submittals - Staff is working on options for electronic and paper submittal of your new applications. Check back regularly for more information and details regarding the changes to our process.

Planning Actions & Notices - Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, staff resumed issuing Planning Director approvals (such as administrative plan reviews) for existing applications using an electronic format and mailing out associated notices.

Appeals - Staff has modified the appeal submittal process for Planning Department and Commission approvals as a result of the current social distancing protocols. For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/Planning.

Recorded Documents - Staff is currently able to process the recording of documents electronically. Contact your assigned Case Planner for more information.

Planning Commission – The City expects to hold the scheduled April 6 Planning Commission virtually by teleconference. The public may participate in the Planning Commission meeting and submit public comment by phone or by sending an email to planningcommission@malibucity.org. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. As the details for this process are finalized, they will be posted on the website, social media and Nextdoor and e-notifications and the procedures will be added to the meeting agenda at MalibuCity.org/AgendaCenter.

For more City information about the coronavirus response and resources for the community visit www.MalibuCity.org/Coronavirus.

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