City of Malibu

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Planning Division
Event Permits – 2026 Update

To aid the economic recovery of businesses affected by the 2025 Palisades Fire, temporary events in commercial and institutional zones may benefit from relaxed permitting requirements, pursuant to Malibu City Council Ordinance No. 534, which expires on May 31, 2027.

Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) normally require a minimum of 35 days to process. This permit remains the default path for events that do not qualify for the new event permits, described below.

Temporary Use Permit - Planning Clearance (TUPPC)

Applicable for small events (less than 100 persons) located in Commercial or Institutional zoning districts. The **TUP – Planning Clearance Application** is available on the City's website.

Notable Restrictions / Timeframe Milestones

- Single day events only
- Applications must be submitted in-person at least two (2) calendar days prior to the event
- No portable restrooms required (onsite facilities are sufficient)

Temporary Use Permit - Express (TUPE)

Applicable for mid-size events (100-250 persons) located in Commercial or Institutional zoning districts. The **TUP - Express Application** is available on the City's website.

Notable Restrictions / Timeframe Milestones

- Single day events only
- Applications must be submitted in-person at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the event
- Events shall be open to the general public (excluding grand openings and functions for friends/family of the host business)
- Events must not occupy vacant suites
- Portable restrooms are required
- Public noticing materials are required; mailing shall occur at least five (5) calendar days prior to the event
- City determination (approval or denial) shall occur at least three (3) calendar days prior to the event; determinations are not appealable
- Up to four (4) TUPEs per month allowed for Shopping Centers
- Up to two (2) TUPEs per month allowed for tenants not located in Shopping Centers

For inquiries, please contact Planning staff at MPlanning@MalibuCity.org or at 310-456-2489, extension 485, prior to your in-person submittal.