

Love Our Neighborhoods Permit Update

The Love Our Neighborhoods Permit will support community-driven, community-benefit projects that enhance and beautify the public right of way while upholding Public Works' responsibility of maintaining safety and accessibility for all.

The goals of the new permit are to create a process that is user-friendly, inexpensive, better coordinated with other City departments and streamlines approvals.



Developing the Permit

The new permit legislation was developed in consultation with City government staff from multiple departments, Community Benefit Districts, the Council of District Merchants and other community organizations.

The consensus was that the permit needs these characteristics:

- **An accessible process** that's easy to interface with.
- **One point of entry and exit for applicants.** Applicant should know what to expect during the process and not have unexpected surprises.
- **Inter-agency coordination** and increased effectiveness during permit process.
- **Streamlined and transparent permit timeline** accompanied by timely communication between Public Works staff and applicants.
- **Coordination** of timeline with City funding streams like Community Challenge Grants.
- **Low financial barriers** for community benefit projects.
- **Eliminate redundancy** or unnecessary reviews in approval processes.



Tier One Projects

Tier One projects are for projects in front of one property owner.

Types of projects:

- Little Libraries
- Sidewalk benches
- Planter

Applicant:

- Single property owner

Fees:

- There are no fees for registering Tier One projects

City department partners:

- No other City department involved



Tier Two Projects

Types of projects:

- Painted and tiled murals on retaining walls and bridges
- Sidewalk murals
- Tiled staircases
- Sidewalk commemorative plaques
- Minor landscape infrastructure
- String lights in alleys and along commercial districts (not crossing streets)
- Multiple sidewalk benches

Applicants:

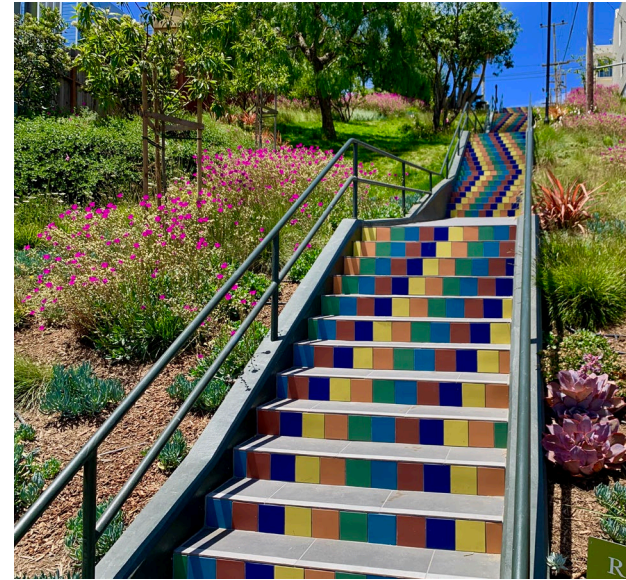
- Nonprofit org., CBD, merchant assoc., established community-based org.

Fees:

- \$500; no annual assessment

City department partners:

- Depending on the project: Arts Commission, MTA, PUC, SFFD



Tier Three Projects

Types of projects:

- Major landscape infrastructure
- Sculptures
- Fog catchers
- Irrigation systems
- String lights across street
- Multi-amenity projects

Applicants:

- Nonprofit org., CBD, merchant assoc., established community-based org.

Fees:

- \$1,000; no annual assessment

City department partners:

- Depending on the project: Arts Commission, SFMTA, SFPUC, SFFD



Love Our Neighborhoods permit components

Legislation

Regulations

- Develop specific processes, requirements and guidelines that support legislation
- Coordinate with other City departments and their guidelines

Communications

- Community outreach
- Multi-lingual
- Brochures and posters
- User-friendly web portal



Timeline

- February/March/April: Community outreach.
- June: Advocated with Board of Supervisors for budget to support staff necessary for Love Our Neighborhoods Permit.
- June 27: Draft legislation introduced by Supervisor Melgar. Co-sponsored by Supervisors Stefani, Mandelman, Ronen and Engardio.
- July 27: Budget signed by Mayor Breed that includes two years of funding for positions in support of Love Our Neighborhoods Permit.
- August/September: Public Works, City Attorney and Supervisors' offices refine legislation.
- October/November/December:
 - Develop regulations.
 - Develop communications and outreach campaign.
- October 17: Supervisor Melgar introduced substitute legislation. Supervisor Chan joined as co-sponsor.
- October 30: Hearing at Land Use Committee.

