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Establishment of Public Works' Minimum Standards for Building Permit Application Intake Reviews and Releases

To advance the City's commitment to streamline the housing development process, Public Works is reforming the way it reviews Building Permit Applications by introducing a tiered approach that will allow projects meeting a set of minimum requirements to move through the approval process much more quickly.

This new system will make the Public Works review process of proposed developments – particularly housing – more efficient by allowing applicants to move forward with the project, as long as minimum requirements are met, reach the construction phase sooner and concurrently seek approval for any work required in the public right of way, such as installing new sidewalks and utilities, to support the project.

It is and remains Public Works' responsibility to safeguard the public right of way, which means the success of this new approach will rely heavily on applicants honoring their obligations to deliver a project that is compliant with our standards for a safe, accessible right of way.

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.sfpublishworks.org/services/permits/what's-new>

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