

Permit applications
must be submitted to:

**Plans Review &
Inspections
Division**

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Building Use Permit

What is a Building Use Permit?

A Building Use Permit allows a new tenant or property owner to occupy an existing building or tenant space. The Use Permit provides an opportunity for City officials to review the zoning compliance and perform a safety inspection. This process assures legal occupancy by an owner/tenant.

Who needs it?

Any new tenant or owner is required to obtain a Building Use Permit *before* occupying an existing building.

A Building Use Permit is not required when a Plans Review Application and a Building Permit have been issued for a new building owner or tenant or when the new tenant use is classified as a Group R-2 or Group R-3 Occupancy.

How do I apply for it?

The new tenant or owner must complete a Building Use Permit Application for review, and then schedule a site inspection.

- If the review and site inspection results indicate that there are no code violations, no additional construction or building modifications to be permitted, and no change of occupancy, then the City will issue a Certificate of Completion and Building Use Permit.
- If the review or site inspection results indicate code violations, additional construction or building modifications, or a change of occupancy, then the City will advise the applicant of the necessary requirements for obtaining a Building Permit. Additional building or sign permits may be required.

How Much Does It Cost?

The non-refundable fee for this permit is \$50.00.

How Long Does It Take?

It depends on the results of the application review, the site inspection, and the complexity of your project. If the proposed work will not require additional building or sign permits, then the process will typically take 1 to 2 days.