



## News from: **City of Oakland Planning & Building Department**

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#### **Oakland's Planning & Building Department Pilots New Service Offerings: Extends Hours for Small-Scale Residential Projects**

*Oakland, CA* – Starting July 16, and on every other Tuesday, the City's Planning & Building Department will extend counter hours, allowing the community more time to submit permit applications and have work approved.

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The target audience for these hours includes residential owners who are working on small-scale home additions or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and seeking permits. "We are looking at this as a chance to offer services to our community members who need to work with our staff face-to-face but may work full time or find it otherwise challenging to come in during regular business hours," states William Gilchrist, Director of Planning & Building.

Examples of small residential projects include:

- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Home repairs, such as window and facade changes, fence installations
- Home modifications, such as rear additions

All business conducted during these extended hours will still occur at the Planning and Building counters located in 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Customers using the extended service hours are also able to access the building's parking garage below, free of charge, 5 – 7pm.

The City is piloting extended hours through the end of August. Based on participation, the department will determine how best to continue past the summer season.

#### Planning Counter Summer Service Extended Hours (alternate Tuesdays):

- July 16 & 30 | 4-7pm
- August 13 & 27 | 4-7pm
- September 10 & 17 | 4-7pm

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