

***Regular Meeting of the Building
Inspection Commission***

April 15, 2026

Agenda Item 4b



PermitSF Shot Clocks

Building Inspection Commission, April 15, 2026

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There are five PermitSF building permit performance measures

Performance Measure	Target
In-house building permit issuance time	Steady improvement
Over-the-counter building permit issuance time	Hold at median of 1 calendar day
Completeness letters issued in 21 calendar days or less	75%
First comments issued in 30 calendar days or less	75%
Responses to revisions issued in 14 calendar days or less	75%

Public dashboards are available at: <https://www.sf.gov/permit-performance-metrics>

Building Permit Issuance

Last 12 Months

Last 12 months Last 6 months Last month

Total time to issuance or approval

Includes planning applications approved or building permits issued between 4/1/2025 and 3/31/2026

Planning application approval

Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to approve

119

Applications approved

772

In-house Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

151

Permits issued

1,685

Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

1

Permits issued

21,674

Note: The number of days shown above are all based on calendar days.
City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 4/9/2026 (Updated daily)

Last Month

Last 12 months Last 6 months Last month

Total time to issuance or approval

Includes planning applications approved or building permits issued between 3/1/2026 and 3/31/2026

Planning application approval

Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to approve

167

Applications approved

52

In-house Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

143

Permits issued

144

Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

1

Permits issued

1,620

Note: The number of days shown above are all based on calendar days.
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Completeness Check & Plan Review

Last 12 Months

Last 12 months Last 6 months Last month

In-House Building Permit Application review time for each review step

Includes building permit applications that started any of the review steps below between 4/1/2025 and 3/31/2026.

Review Step	Target days to review	Median days to review	% meeting target
Completeness check Number of days from application submitted to completeness letter sent.	21	13 <small>Meeting target</small>	95%
First plan review Number of days from in-house permit filed to first plan review comments issued. This is the number of days for each station's first plan review.	30	14 <small>Meeting target</small>	72%
Resubmission review Number of days for each station to issue resubmission review comments for in-house permits. There may be multiple resubmissions rounds.	14	3 <small>Meeting target</small>	88%

Note: The number of days above are all based on calendar days. This includes reviews by any relevant department, such as Building Inspection, Planning, Public Works, Fire, Public Utilities Commission, Public Health, and others.
 City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 4/9/2026 (Updated daily)

Last Month

Last 12 months Last 6 months Last month

In-House Building Permit Application review time for each review step

Includes building permit applications that started any of the review steps below between 3/2/2026 and 3/31/2026.

Review Step	Target days to review	Median days to review	% meeting target
Completeness check Number of days from application submitted to completeness letter sent.	21	14 <small>Meeting target</small>	99%
First plan review Number of days from in-house permit filed to first plan review comments issued. This is the number of days for each station's first plan review.	30	9 <small>Meeting target</small>	87%
Resubmission review Number of days for each station to issue resubmission review comments for in-house permits. There may be multiple resubmissions rounds.	14	3 <small>Meeting target</small>	88%

Note: The number of days above are all based on calendar days. This includes reviews by any relevant department, such as Building Inspection, Planning, Public Works, Fire, Public Utilities Commission, Public Health, and others.
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PermitSF Portal

All time Last 6 months Last month Last week

PermitSF Portal Submission Status and Processing Times

Includes submissions for fire permits for alarms, sprinklers, and other fire suppression systems; building permits for doors, siding, and window replacement; and special events intake submitted between 2/10/2026 and 4/9/2026.

	Fire Permits	Building Permits	Special Events
Total Submitted Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal	471	432	112
In-Progress Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued	192	64	1
Issued Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed	246	295	89
Complete Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items	6	37	11
Days to Issue Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events	6	2	2

Note: The number of days to issue includes City review and customer response time. City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 4/9/2026 2:08:37 PM (Updated 4 times per day)

As of 4/9/26, over 432 building permit applications had been submitted through the OpenGov PermitSF Portal. 68% had received their permit, and the median days to issue the permit has held steady at our target of 2 business days.



THANK YOU