



OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM MONDAY – FRIDAY, INCLUDING TELEPHONE LINES

The Department of Building Inspection is charged with implementing and enforcing local, state, and federal regulations and controls that govern the design, construction, quality, use, occupancy, and location of buildings and structures within the City and County of San Francisco. A seven-member Building Inspection Commission governs the Department.

	Phone	Fax
TOM C. HUI, S.E., C.B.O., DIRECTOR – 6TH Floor	558-6131	558-6225
DANIEL LOWREY, Deputy Director, Permit Services–2ND Floor	558-6142	558-6435
TARAS MADISON, Deputy Director, Financial Management and Administrative Services – 6TH Floor	558-6239	558-6225
ED SWEENEY, Deputy Director, Inspection Services and Code Compliance – 3RD Floor	558-6272	558-6436
RON TOM, Assistant Director – 2ND Floor	558-6013	558-6436
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
DISASTER COORDINATION UNIT (DCU) – 1660 Mission Street, 3RD Floor		
Ron Tom, Assistant Director	558-6013	
<i>Organizes, prepares, and coordinates departmental personnel and resources in order to provide an effectively managed response to incidents of earthquake, emergency, and other disasters in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management.</i>		
LEGISLATIVE / PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
William Strawn, Manager	558-6250	558-6225
<i>Responsible for keeping employees and the public fully apprised of the Department's mission and its professional services.</i>		
COMMUNICATIONS – 1660 Mission Street, 3RD Floor		
Lily Madjus Wu, Communications Director	558-6107	558-6225
<i>Responsible for internal and external communications and public outreach for the Department.</i>		
<i>Sunshine Ordinance/California Public Records Act Request Email: dbi.sunshinerequests@sfgov.org</i>		
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
Taras Madison, Deputy Director	558-6239	558-6225
FINANCE SERVICES (FS) – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
Dan Kreuzscher, Finance Manager	558-6213	558-6207
<i>Provides support to the Department in the areas of fiscal management, purchasing, and business analysis.</i>		
<i>Other functions:</i>		
Refund Unit – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
<i>Processes request for refunds for fees collected by Department of Building Inspection.</i>		
Development Fee Collection Unit – 1660 Mission Street, 6TH Floor		
<i>Collects and disseminates information on development fees owed and/or specific development impact fee requirements.</i>		
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES (MIS) – 1650 Mission, 3RD Floor		
Wilson Lo, Manager	558-6400	558-6467
<i>Provides automated data capture, data management, and report dissemination throughout the Department.</i>		
RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RMD) – 1660 Mission Street, 4TH Floor		
Patty Herrera, Division Manager	558-6080	575-6875
<i>Responsible for the storage and reproduction of issued plans, permit applications, job cards, certificate of final completion and occupancy (CFC) and miscellaneous documents; production of Report of Residential Building Records (3R) and maintaining historical records. Responsible for reporting the Department's Performance Measures and Barometer to the Controller's Office. Last walk-in customer accepted at 4:00 PM</i>		
PAYROLL/PERSONNEL (PP) – 1660 Mission Street, 4TH Floor		
Emily Morrison, Manager	575-6975	558-6636
<i>Provides support to the Department in the areas of personnel, payroll, and other related Human Resources activities.</i>		

INSPECTION SERVICES – 1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor Edward Sweeney, Deputy Director	558-6272	558-6435
BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION (BID) – 1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor Patrick O’Riordan, Chief Building Inspector <i>Inspects buildings for compliance with building code requirements, scope of work in accordance with building permits, and responds to complaints on residential and commercial buildings.</i>	558-6570	558-6474
Condo Conversion (CC) program processes requests and performs inspections for condominium conversion in residential and commercial buildings.	558-6252	558-6474
Disabled Access Section (DAS) receives and processes accessibility complaints and answers California Building Code (CBC) questions related to accessibility. It also coordinates the Access Appeals Commission (AAC) and issues regarding the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).	558-6110	558-6474
Special Inspection (SI) processes and reviews SI reports and monitors SI field work. Email: dbi.specialinspections@sfgov.org	558-6132	558-6474
Unreinforced Masonry Building (UMB) program monitors and inspects UMB seismic upgrades.	558-6123	558-6474
CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION (CES) – 1660 Mission Street, 6th Floor Mauricio Hernandez, Chief Building Inspector <i>Responsible for abatement of code violation cases referred from the building, plumbing, and electrical divisions.</i>	558-6454	558-6226
Vacant and Abandoned Buildings & Commercial Storefronts Program monitors and inspects vacant/abandoned buildings.	558-6454	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTION DIVISION (EID) – 1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor Kenneth Burke, Chief Electrical Inspector <i>Provides public safety by enforcing municipal and State regulations and codes relative to construction, alteration, and installation of electrical equipment and systems.</i>	558-6570	558-6397
PLUMBING INSPECTION DIVISION (PID) – 1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor Steve Panelli, Chief Plumbing Inspector <i>Provides public safety by enforcing municipal and State regulations and codes relative to construction, alteration, and installation of plumbing equipment and systems.</i>	558-6570	558-6178
PERMIT SERVICES – 1660 Mission Street, 1st / 2nd / 5th Floor Daniel Lowrey, Deputy Director	558-6127	558-6436
PLAN REVIEW SERVICES (PRS) – 1660 Mission Street, 2nd Floor <i>Responsible for review and approval of all permit applications to assure that proposed construction work meets life safety, accessibility, structural safety and other requirements of the code. In addition, provides emergency engineering response services. Last walk-in customer accepted at 4:00 PM</i>	558-6133	558-6436
PERMIT SUBMITTAL & ISSUANCE David Leung, Division Manager	558-6033	558-6170
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION (TSD) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Thomas Fessler, Supervisor <i>Provides technical services for the Department in the areas of code development and interpretation.</i>	558-6205	558-6140
HELP DESK/PUBLIC INFORMATION COUNTER (HD/PIC) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Brenda Yan, Supervisor <i>Serves as the first point of contact for the public; answers general questions, provides direction to appropriate services; gives permit status.</i>	558-6088	558-6140
CENTRAL PERMIT BUREAU (CPB) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Wai-Fong Cheung, Supervisor <i>Accepts and issues construction permits for public and private buildings located within the City and County of San Francisco. Additionally, CPB also assesses and collects fees for all structures, building enlargements and change of use. Last walk-in customer accepted at 4:00 PM</i>	558-6070	558-6140
ACCESSIBLE BUSINESS ENTRANCE PROGRAM (ABE) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor <i>Responsible for implementing the Accessible Business Entrance program to help property owners comply with state and federal accessibility laws and helps people with disabilities gain greater access to goods and services offered by businesses in San Francisco.</i> Email: dbi.businessentrance@sfgov.org	558-6128	558-6401

<p>PRIVATE SCHOOL EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor <i>Responsible for implementing the Private School Earthquake Program. The goal of this program is to ensure that all private school structures are safe for the students and staff who attend them. The program requires school to evaluate the seismic safety of their buildings and structures.</i> Email: dbi.privateschool@sfgov.org</p>	558-6699	558-6401
<p>SOFT STORY PROGRAM (SSP) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Robert Chun, Supervisor <i>Responsible for implementing the Soft Story Ordinance and ensuring compliance. This ordinance applies to wood-frame buildings of three or more stories containing five or more residential dwelling units.</i> Email: softstory@sfgov.org</p>	558-6699	558-6401
<p>UNIT LEGALIZATION (UL)/ADDITION of DWELLING UNITS (ADU) – 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor Robert Chun, Supervisor <i>Responsible for implementing the Legalization of Illegal Units Ordinance, a voluntary program to assist property owners in pursuing unit legalization with DBI and the Planning Department. Responsible for implementing the Addition of Dwelling Units Ordinance, a program to add additional accessory dwelling units in space that was not previously residential so long as those units do not extend beyond the existing building envelope.</i></p>	558-6117	558-6401
<p>HOUSING INSPECTION SERVICES (HIS) – 1660 Mission Street, 6th Floor <i>Inspects buildings for code compliance in residential housing as a result of complaints and inspects apartments and hotels. Also addresses complaints and conducts inspections associated with interior/exterior lead-based paint disturbance/removal.</i></p>	558-6220	558-6249
<p>INITIAL PLAN REVIEW (IPR) – 1660 Mission Street, 5th Floor Marla Chapman, Supervisor <i>Responsible for permit approval coordination, final approval and permit issuance to assure that the proposed construction work meets requirements of the codes.</i></p>	865-5714	558-6216
<p>OVER-THE-COUNTER OPERATION (OTC) – 1660 Mission Street, 5th Floor Irene Wong, Coordinator Responsible for permit approval coordination, final approval and permit issuance to assure that the proposed construction work meets requirements of the codes. Last walk-in customer accepted at 4:00 PM</p>	865-5723	558-6041
<p>PERMIT CENTER ADMINISTRATION – 1660 Mission Street, 2nd Floor Carrie Pei, Supervisor Provides routing of plans to essential plan review disciplines. Update and maintain accurate routing information within the department Permit Tracking System (PTS). Customer assistance in permit extensions, picking up plans and plan review comments. Other special tasks are undertaken as required. Last walk-in customer accepted at 4:00 PM</p>	558-6133	558-6686
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS		
Building Inspection Commission (BIC), Sonya Harris, Commission Secretary	558-6164	558-6509
Abatement Appeals Board (AAB), Edward Sweeney, Dept. Representative	558-6272	558-6226
Access Appeals Commission (AAC), Thomas Fessler, Dept. Representative	575-6923	558-6401
Board of Examiners (BOE), Willy Yau, Dept. Representative	558-6134	558-6041
Code Advisory Committee (CAC), Thomas Fessler, Dept. Representative	575-6923	558-6688
Unreinforced Masonry Buildings Appeals Board (UMBAB), Ed Greene, Dept. Representative	558-6123	558-6474

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