

Liaison Updates - June 2025



Citywide

Consumer Price Index Fee Adjustment - Effective July 1, 2025

The Department of City Planning will adjust planning-related fees effective **July 1, 2025**, based on a 3.4% inflation rate, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Los Angeles area. This annual adjustment, required by Ordinances No. 188,063 and 188,418, applies to fees listed in LAMC Sections 19.01–19.10, 19.12, and Article 15 of Chapter 1A. Applicants are encouraged to plan accordingly when filing new applications before or after this date.

Helpful Resource - [Fee Estimator](#)

Annual Adjustment to Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Schedule - Effective July 1, 2025

The City of Los Angeles has updated the fees for its Affordable Housing Linkage Fee, which helps fund affordable housing. These changes reflect inflation and will take effect on **July 1, 2025**. The fee applies to certain new residential and commercial developments, based on location and project type. Developers must pay the rate in effect when they get their building permit. More details, including area maps and fee amounts, are available here [Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2025, Linkage Fee Ordinance Linkage Fee Implementation Memo](#).

Al Fresco - Coastal Development Permits Fee Assistance

Changes have been made to the Al Fresco Relief Program to support outdoor dining businesses located on private property in the Coastal Zone ([Fact Sheet](#)). Eligible businesses may receive a one-time \$10,000 subsidy from City Planning to help cover the required Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application fee. Up to 58 businesses will be awarded the subsidy on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify, businesses must have a valid Al Fresco Temporary Use Authorization and be located on private property within a Coastal Zone. The Al Fresco **Temporary Use Authorization expires on January 31, 2026**, and the **California Coastal Commission's CDP waiver ends on June 30, 2026**. Businesses are encouraged to apply early to take advantage of this financial assistance and avoid permitting delays. For more information or to apply, contact Planning at Planning.alfrescoCDP@lacity.org or LADBS at ladbs-outdoordining@lacity.org.

LA Permit Fee Reduction Program: Jobs & Economic Incentive Zones (JEDI)

The City of Los Angeles offers a one-time permit fee subsidy of up to \$10,000 through the JEDI Zones Program (Jobs and Economic Development Incentive Zones). This program helps small businesses in

under-resourced neighborhoods grow, renovate, and improve their facilities. The goal is to support business development, create jobs, and promote economic stability in areas that have experienced long-term disinvestment. ewdd.lacity.gov/index.php/local-business/jedi

Eligibility

- Businesses located on commercial strips or retail centers
- Must be within a designated JEDI Zone [Check eligibility map](#)
- Must obtain a Fee Reduction Award Certificate *before* applying for a development permit

Adoption of the El Sereno / 710 Corridor Rezoning Fall Update

On May 6, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. [188609](#), finalizing new land use and zoning for the El Sereno / 710 Corridor. The updated zoning reflects the existing neighborhood's use, scale, and density, replacing outdated designations tied to the now-canceled I-710 Freeway expansion. This change allows residents to move forward with renovations and expansions. For more details, see Council File No. [24-1063](#).

New Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance - Per AB 3233

The City of Los Angeles held a public meeting on June 3, 2025, to discuss reinstating its oil and gas drilling regulations, following a recent court ruling and City Council decision. The new ordinance, guided by [Assembly Bill 3233](#), aims at continued regulations of new oil and gas drilling and phase out existing operations across the city. This is the first of two stakeholder meetings, where the public can learn about the proposed policies, ask questions, and share feedback. The process will also include opportunities for public comment and environmental review. Your input is encouraged to help shape the future of oil and gas policy in Los Angeles.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for updates and/or provide feedback, please email planning.oildrilling@lacity.org or mail correspondence to: Lilian Rubio, Los Angeles City Planning, 200 North Spring Street, Room 701, Los Angeles, CA, 90012

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Connect with your Planning Liaisons at Community Day!

Join us this Saturday on Wilshire Boulevard in Westlake, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and learn more about local planning efforts.

Also, don't miss PlanCheckNC LA — held every second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. — to stay informed and engaged in your community's development.

Helpful Resources

- [ZIMAS Presentation & WorkSheet](#)

- [Animated video series](#) about the new, updated zoning system and its modules
- [Executive Directive 1 Implementation](#)
- [Home-Sharing Records Portal](#)
- [City Planning Prefixes and Suffixes](#)

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