

# **THE CLASS “B” PERMIT**

## **5.6 Other Requirements for B-Permits**

### **When do I need the approval of the Cultural Affairs Department for my street improvement project?**

Private structures in or extending into land owned by or under control of the City will require the approval of the Cultural Affairs Department. These structures shall include all above ground building encroachments, carports, bridges, and walls greater than eight (8) feet in visible height or over 500 square feet in vertical face area. The application must be made with the Cultural Affairs Department.

If your project is located in a historical zone an approval from the Office of Historical Resources is required.

### **What environmental documentation will I need for my street improvement project?**

As a condition for obtaining a B-Permit, the Applicant will be required to provide information for the preparation of the appropriate environmental document or to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) exemption request form. Should a negative declaration or EIR be necessary, the City must approve it before construction can start.

### **What happens if my street improvement project is near the coastline?**

If the location of the street construction lies within the Coastal Zone as delineated in the Coastal Act of 1976 and involves a “development” as defined in the State of California Public Resources Code, the Applicant is advised that state law may prohibit action under the B-Permit unless a Coastal Development permit from the California Coastal Commission is obtained.

### **What if my project is in a City Planning Specific Plan Area?**

Your street improvement project must comply with the Specific Plan requirements. Please contact City Planning for specific requirements. In addition, if your project is in a hillside area, the requirements of the Hillside Ordinance may be triggered. Please check with your B-Permit plan checker regarding Hillside Ordinance requirements.