



# LA County Business Connect

Helping Business Thrive in LA County

## Navigating the Permit Approval Process? We Can Help.

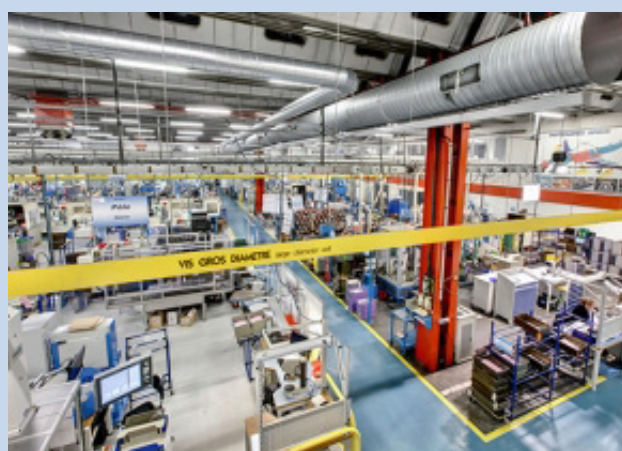
If you are planning a new construction project, remodeling, or expanding your business, you will need to get the necessary permits. There are many types of permits depending on your specific project and the property's location.

Some of the permits required in Los Angeles County include:

- Building and Safety Permits
- Electrical Permits
- Environmental Health
- Plumbing Permits
- Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
- Sign Permits
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

### How the LAEDC Can Help.

Whether you are considering a new project and just getting started, or in the middle of an existing project and experiencing delays, the team of experts at the LAEDC can assist with facilitating and/or expediting this process. The LAEDC has worked with businesses throughout Los Angeles County to assist with the permit approval process, **free of charge**. Our goal is to streamline this process so that you can focus on running your business!



*"We at LISI Aerospace are extremely happy with the support we have received from the LAEDC and especially Bob Machuca our local representative.*

*His professionalism and insight helped us in more than one occasion to work through or "navigate the rough waters" of dealing with multiple regulatory agencies. The LAEDC understands the challenges of doing business in Los Angeles County and are ready and willing to assist companies in need. They get it! The LAEDC recognizes that*

*assisting companies navigate the challenges of doing business in Los Angeles County is good for the communities and the people in those communities. Our project brought approximately \$5 million of investment into the City of Industry. LISI Aerospace has 230 employees and we will ultimately provide jobs for another 100-150 individuals within the next five years.*

*Thank you LAEDC for your remarkable, timely and professional assistance. We really appreciate it!"*

**Michael Reyes, Vice President/General Manager**  
**LISI Aerospace, City of Industry**

### Do I need a permit?

It can sometimes be difficult to determine what type of project will require a permit. Of course, new construction or significant remodeling work will require a permit, but if you are doing something less involved such as installing light fixtures, painting or cosmetic improvements, you may not know what is required. The LAEDC will work with you to contact the appropriate city/county/state offices to determine the requirements.

### What to expect - helpful tips to keep in mind.

You will need to complete a permit application, and be prepared to pay the required permit fees. The fees will vary from project to project, and it is helpful from a budgeting perspective to obtain a fee estimate in advance. To save time and avoid future roadblocks, we often recommend a pre-submittal meeting with the permitting agency staff to conduct a preliminary review of the proposed project, and identify issues that can be corrected prior to the formal submittal. It may be necessary for many departments within the jurisdiction to review the application, so it is best to include representatives from each department to participate in this meeting. During this meeting, you can also determine an estimated approval timeline so that all parties are clear on the length of time needed to obtain the permit. This helps with project planning and avoiding unexpected delays.

### How long will it take to obtain a permit?

The length of time required to approve a permit will depend on the complexity and the location of the project. Every jurisdiction has its own unique requirements, workload and staff availability that will impact the time it will take to issue a permit. Some permits can be obtained over the counter, but in most cases permits can take several weeks to several months.

**Let the LAEDC help you take your project to completion.**



### The LA COUNTY Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

*Partnering for business.*

Welcome to our 11th issue of *LA County Business Connect*. Our newsletter is a service offered by the LA County WIB and the LAEDC to provide valuable tools to support and grow your business. One call, one click, can put you in touch with people who know where and how to get things done.

Just a few ways we can help:

- Resources for hiring and training employees.
- Identify incentives and resources that can save you money.
- Assist with access to financing.
- Provide existing workers with new skills to help you compete.
- Best of all, LAEDC services are **FREE!**

**Call the LAEDC today, and let us connect you to resources to help your business thrive!**

Visit **[www.laedc.org/our-services/business-assistance-layoff-aversion/](http://www.laedc.org/our-services/business-assistance-layoff-aversion/)** or call **888-4-LAEDC-1**

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