

Santa Monica Municipal Code

Article 8 BUILDING REGULATIONS

Chapter 8.108 GREEN BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

8.108.050 Priority plan check processing for LEED certified buildings.

(a) New buildings and existing buildings repaired, altered or rehabilitated in an amount exceeding fifty percent of their replacement cost as determined in Section 8.44.040 of this code, that are registered with the United States Green Building Council for certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System (LEED), including LEED for Homes (LEED-H), LEED for New Construction (LEED-NC), and LEED for Core and Shell (LEED-CS), shall receive priority plan check processing by all City departments. Registering for LEED certification for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI) or LEED for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) does not qualify projects for expedited plan check processing pursuant to this Section.

(b) All applicants wishing to receive priority plan check processing pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section must submit their LEED checklist to the City indicating all of the credits they intend to pursue. Applicants must also clearly specify the materials, systems and strategies they will use to achieve the credits in the plans submitted to the City for plan check approval.

(c) The City Council may establish, by resolution, a fine to be imposed on projects that fail to achieve LEED certification for any project that received priority plan check processing pursuant to this Section. (Added by Ord. No. 2165CCS § 5 (part), adopted 8/9/05)