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- Public Rights of Ways
 - Managed by Public Works thru Encroachment Permits
 - Reserved for the Benefit of the Greater Public

Background



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The Issue

Unauthorized Encroachments may:

- Benefit an individual often at the expense of the public
- Block site distance
- Be hazardous
- Obstruct maintenance efforts
- Consist of substandard construction
- Limit parking
- Divert drainage
- Conflict w/future plans



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The Task

Remove Unauthorized Encroachments:

- That do not benefit the general public or
- That are not properly constructed

- **Memorialize Allowed Encroachments**

- Through after the fact permits



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The Focus

- Structures
- Permanent or Semipermanent Fixtures (including landscaping)
- Grading Work



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Examples





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Improperly placed rock may end up...



...down the drain...may cause flooding to other properties down stream



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Limiting parking
for others.



Limiting parking
for others and
blocking drainage



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Limiting parking for others, blocking sweepers, and creating a potential traffic hazard at this intersection

Limiting sight distance at the driveway for approaching vehicles





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Purpose



Applying for a permit allows our inspectors to review the plans, inspect the installation, and to place the encroachment at a location that is best for everyone.



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To apply for an encroachment permit,
please contact the Public Works office
or visit our website at the County of San Mateo,
Public Works, Information for Residents,
Permits.

Thank you.