

Los Angeles Conty Fire Department

Rebuilding Fees and Refunds for City of Malibu Homeowners Rebuilding Following the 2025 Palisades Fire

On November 23, 2025, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a [motion](#) authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath to remove the County permit fee cost for Malibu homeowners rebuilding after the devastating 2025 Palisades Fire. As impacted homeowners begin the rebuilding process, many are facing significant financial hardship, including insufficient or delayed insurance coverage that often does not account for required permitting and inspection fees.

“Helping every impacted resident rebuild safely and swiftly is our top priority. County Fire has agreed to cover these fees, and we appreciate their responsiveness and partnership. We will continue working together to ensure that all survivors receive consistent, equitable support throughout the rebuilding process,” said **Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department (Fire Department) will waive or refund permit fees for single-family dwellings that were owned and occupied by the homeowner as a primary residence prior to January 7, 2025, and are being rebuilt due to the Palisades Fire. The Fire Department will use the City of Malibu's current process for determining eligibility for fee waivers, so applicants do not need to complete a second verification process. Once the City of Malibu determines that an applicant is eligible for fee waivers, this information will be shared with the Fire Department, to also waive the fees.

For applicants the City of Malibu has determined to be eligible for fee waivers but have already paid the fees, the Fire Department's Financial Management Division will process and issue refunds within six to eight weeks. The timeline for the refunds will start at the time the City of Malibu has provided the Fire Department with the eligibility list. The Fire Department will send an email to the property owner to confirm that their address is in process to receive a refund.

For any questions regarding the fee waivers or refunds, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Nick Duvally at Nick.Duvally@fire.lacounty.gov