To make the permit process as smooth as possible, please review the tips below. Always check with a planner before applying for any permits.

❖ Why check with Planning?
Planning will advise you on setbacks, potential land use entitlements required or existing, and other regulations that may apply to your project. Checking with planning will help streamline the building permit process, and prevent surprises later.

❖ What is planning looking at?
Planning will look at your underlying zoning district, which will indicate what process may be required for your project, such as an Architectural Permit, Use Permit, etc. The planner will also advise you on setbacks, existing non-conformities and other applicable processes (i.e. Coastal Commission, etc), and existing land uses. The will review your proposal to ensure compliance with zoning laws.

❖ How does all THAT make my building permit process go faster?!
Well, a building permit will not be issued out of compliance with zoning, so if you find out what processes may be required ahead of time, you won’t be surprised with additional requirements once planning has reviewed the building permit. Our goal is to encourage compliant, quality development in Pacific Grove.