

The Formentera land office has sent roughly 150 notes pressing urban property owners to perform aesthetic improvements of building facades. The Consell de Formentera had planned to evaluate the appearance of buildings and, where appropriate, advocate upgrades.

The notes are part of a campaign called "Formentera, every corner counts" (Formentera es cuida a cada racó) that was launched in November and is scheduled to continue until 30 April seeking to encourage business owners and regular islanders to do their part to beautify local towns. Land chief Rafael González described the initiative as a coil-spring to Formentera's economy and hometown firms that specialise in fields like construction, painting and maintenance.

## Simplified process and rebates

In an effort to encourage aesthetic enhancements, local government has simplified the permit process and will rebate fees and taxes associated with construction and upgrades. Fees are rebated in full, taxes are rebated at a rate of 95% (the legal maximum) and fees for occupation of the public thoroughfare are rebated in full.

Islanders doing small-scale works on non-heritage sites must notify the Consell in person at the Citizen Information Office (OAC) or online on the Virtual Citizen Information Office (OVAC) one day before starting. Work on non-heritage sites which does not involve increased square metres may commence 10 days after notice is given.

## More details

Formalities can be completed on the OVAC and related inquiries will be fielded via email at <a href="mailto:urb">urb</a> anisme@conselldeformentera.cat

or in person at the Formentera Department of Urbanism (Àrea d'Urbanisme). Call 971.32.10.87 to schedule an appointment.

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