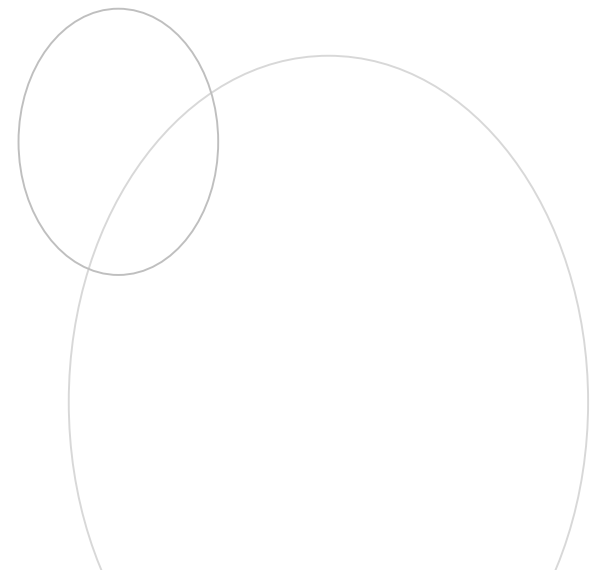




# Department of **Planning & Zoning**

FY26 BUDGET REVIEW





# FY25 HIGHLIGHTS – Major Trends and Events

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**Ongoing Re-focusing of the Department**

**Commitment to Customer Service** to mitigate complexity of ENERGOV

**Small Business Permitting Innovations:** Staffing, Communications, Streamlining, Ambassadors of Values and Principles

**Housing Rehabilitation (HACA) Coordination**—Council’s \$500k is delivering rehabbed units and licenses at the rate of 10 per week.

**Comprehensive Rezoning** – Working to implement the Comp. Plan through Zoning Map and Code Changes

**Hiring: Economic Development and Community Development**

## **Challenges in FY ‘25**

Short term rentals – Violations exceed our ability to track and prosecute.

Building permits – Improvement, yes, but work to be done.

Property maintenance inspections – Capabilities limited by other tasks.

Responsiveness to Council – On zoning, technical studies, research.



## **Looking Ahead to FY26: Expected Trends and Events**

**Comprehensive Rezoning** – Will continue and get more complicated.

**Urban Forestry** – Enhanced efforts to achieve tree planting goals.

**Short Term Rentals** – Enhance efforts to manage and enforce STR.

**Arts In Public Places Commission** – DPZ will staff and manage it.

**Zoning Code Modernization** - It is essential that we does this.

### **Director's Management – Areas for Improvement**

Adopting performance and management standards (timeliness, performance, service-orientation)

More rigorous oversight and accountability

Board and Commission functioning

Reporting and Tracking



## Other context to be aware of

- Uptick in violations of approved plans and unauthorized demolitions.
- Concerns about affordable housing conditions generally.

### Departmental:

- DPZ physical space is very constrained. We are working through space planning. We proposed \$10,000 for digitizing files which will free up space of offices. We see this as a necessary for at least 3 years. Other steps ongoing.
- Office walls have not been painted for over 20+ years. I requested \$20,000 for painting. This expenditure was placed in the General Service Dept.





# THANK YOU

