

February 2026 Economic Matters Committee Report

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January 2026 Issued Use and Occupancy Permits

	Ward	FT Employees	PT Employees	Use
New Business	Ward 8	4	0	Maritime: Specialized professional services
New Business	Ward 2	0	0	Personal fitness studios
New Business	Ward 8	0	2	Personal care establishments

January 2026 Issued Building Permits

Building Type	Ward	Permit Square Feet	Estimated Cost
Repair	Ward 8	3500	\$982,000.00
Alteration	Ward 8	1306	\$80,000.00
Repair	Ward 8	25	\$5,000.00
Alteration	Ward 2	3356	\$86,000.00
Alteration	Ward 8	1800	\$200,000.00
Alteration	Ward 1	3757	\$1,200,000.00
Repair	Ward 8	25	\$3,500.00
		13,769	\$2,556,500.00

January 2026 Building Permit Applications

Building Type	Ward	Permit Square Feet	Estimated Cost
Accessory	Ward 2	10	\$21,900.00
Windows & Doors	Ward 5	940	\$55,275.00
Repair	Ward 8	25	\$3,500.00
Alteration	Ward 1	0	\$1.00
Alteration	Ward 7	2972	\$130,000.00
		3,947	\$210,676.00

Response to Snow Storm

- Those businesses that are subscribed to the Economic Development mailing list were alerted to the upcoming hazardous weather event on Friday, January 23rd thanks to the efforts of Hope Stewart
- After the event, our office received multiple reports from Maryland Ave businesses of icy road conditions. We sent OEM these concerns and they added Maryland Ave to the list of areas that require additional attention
- Likewise, my regular communication with Dock Street businesses informed me of difficult conditions with snow and ice piling up around the construction fencing. After alerting OEM, they coordinated a response with Transit and Public Works to close the street to parking so that the snow and ice can be removed
- We continue to monitor and respond to businesses reporting icy or treacherous conditions along their streets

City Dock Project Updates

- Construction fencing is now present on Dock Street and the frac tanks are in place
- Initial signage has been deployed to direct traffic back to the Mills-Hillman Garage, as well as to create a sense of place in front of the storefronts
- More directional signage to be put in place (street signs) along with the deployment of two, 15 minute pick up/drop off spots in front of Bitty & Beau's
- Biweekly meetings with Whiting Turner have begun to discuss issues affecting Dock Street Businesses
- Traffic going the wrong way has been an issue; I have discussed the possibility with APD of having a traffic warden help to direct traffic during busy times, such as the weekends or events