



# Department of Buildings & Inspections Budget Presentation

Budget & Finance Committee  
March 15, 2021

# Buildings & Inspections Department

## Budget History

### General Fund Operating Budget FY 2017 – FY 2021

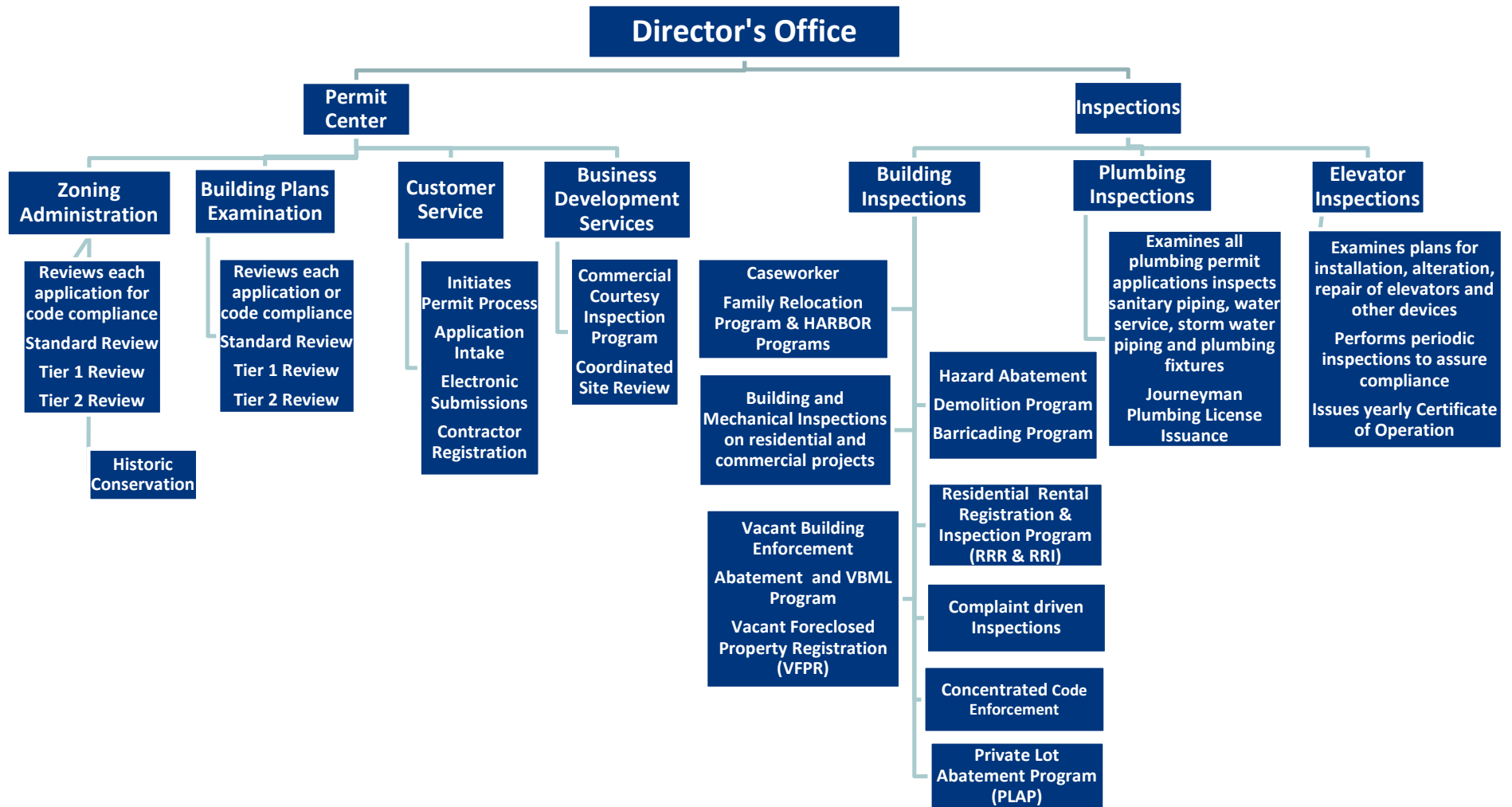
General Fund 050	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personnel Compensation	\$ 5,956,890	\$ 6,374,902	\$ 6,781,100	\$ 6,262,170	\$ 5,628,380
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,298,970	\$ 2,706,136	\$ 2,841,170	\$ 2,576,740	\$ 2,140,150
Non-Personnel Expense	\$ 1,320,980	\$ 1,244,922	\$ 746,810	\$ 734,440	\$ 832,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,576,840</b>	<b>\$ 10,325,960</b>	<b>\$ 10,369,080</b>	<b>\$ 9,573,350</b>	<b>\$ 8,600,930</b>

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Restricted Funds Operating Budget  
FY 2017 – FY 2021

<b>Income Tax Infrastructure Fund 302</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Personnel Compensation	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 43,650	\$ 43,580	\$ 32,920
Fringe Benefits	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 20,480	\$ 18,790	\$ 13,860
Non-Personnel Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 67,500</b>	<b>\$ 67,500</b>	<b>\$ 64,130</b>	<b>\$ 62,370</b>	<b>\$ 46,780</b>
<b>Hazard Abatement Fund 347</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Personnel Compensation	\$ 50,000	\$ 130,390	\$ 130,390	\$ 130,390	\$ 1,240,400
Fringe Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 55,520	\$ 55,520	\$ 55,520	\$ 581,200
Non-Personnel Expense	\$ 700,000	\$ 839,310	\$ 839,310	\$ 847,700	\$ 907,210
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 765,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,220</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,220</b>	<b>\$ 1,033,610</b>	<b>\$ 2,728,810</b>

# Buildings & Inspections Table of Organization



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## Standard Plan Review

- Large residential and commercial projects
- Goal Days
  - Commercial: 15 review days 90%
  - Residential: 10 review days 90%
- Commercial – Meeting goal 98% of the time
- Residential – Meeting goal 99% of the time



B&I is maintaining goals during COVID-19.

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## Permitting

- An average of **41%** of permits are reviewed through same-day
- FY 2019/FY 2020 – Average permits issued **10,653**
- FY 2019/FY 2020 – Average estimated valuation of permits was **\$957,150,745**
- FY 2021 (July – February)
  - Permits issued **6,619**
  - Estimated valuation of permits **\$432,518,482**

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## Business Development Services

### Coordinated Site Review

- **272** Projects Reviewed Since July 1, 2018

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## Code Enforcement Cases

- Manages approximately **18,000** cases
- Receives approximately **7,400** complaints per year
- Performs approximately **57,000** inspections per year
- Conducts approximately **1,000** Concentrated Code Enforcement
- Monitoring over **2,100** vacant buildings in the city



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## Organizational Impacts of COVID-19

- COVID, TEL, ERIP Impact – COVID created operational challenges with further impacts presented by TEL and ERIP implementation.
- Organizational restructuring developed to improve service delivery and meet the needs of the community.
- Reorganization of the two Inspection Divisions into one new Inspections Division
  - General Building Inspectors and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Inspectors duties integrated and cross trained.

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## Organizational Impacts of COVID-19

- The transfer of the Private Lot Abatement (PLAP) / Litter and Weed Control program from Public Services
- Adding a Case Worker to assist the public with solutions to property maintenance

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## Reorganization Benefits

- 5 Inspector Districts structured along the City's police districts.
- Improved customer service delivery by assigning one neighborhood inspector for contact for permits, code violations, blight, and weeds and litter.
- Relationships built and cross agency support enhanced.

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## Staffing Concerns

- Impact of 8% reduction will result in critical capacity challenges across all functional areas of B&I and loss of service to the community.
- Operations are far more challenged after ERIP.
  - Removed 4 Inspector positions from table of organization.
  - Reduced Assistant Supervisors from 8 to 6.
- Positions frozen as one-time reductions in FY 2021 would need to be filled in order to support work loads.
- Fee increases each year for services, B&I must be staffed to handle workload volume.

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## Non–Personnel Concerns

- Increased training funding to support the continuous need for ongoing training and certifications.
  - All inspectors require State of Ohio certification within three years of hire.
- Technology expenses have and will continue to increase in FY 2021 and beyond.
  - Remote staff access
  - Field Force Management activation

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## Non–Personnel Concerns

- Financial Services expenses have and will continue to increase in FY 2021 and beyond.
  - Office is closed to the public.
    - Online submission or lobby drop-off options
  - Online submissions have resulted in an increase of credit card usage.

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## Staffing Concerns

### Private Lot Abatement Program (PLAP)

- Program transferred to B&I as of November 1, 2020
- ERIP resulted in deletion of 1 FTE needed for program operations. Sufficient funding needed to reinstate the FTE.
- Litter Control Officer functions, to the extent possible, will be streamlined according to department reorganization.

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## Non–Personnel Concerns

### Private Lot Abatement Program (PLAP)

- Additional funding will be requested in the FY 2022 budget submission as opposed to a mid-year request.
- PLAP is being evaluated for the most effective use of resources, both in-house and vendors, to solve blighted problems of litter and tall grass.



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## Non–Personnel Concerns

### HARBOR Program

- Home-owners are faced with limited means and resources to abate code violations.
- HARBOR Program funded for 1 Year – \$400,000
- Restarting the HARBOR Program with appropriate funding would serve as a valuable resource to the community.

# QUESTIONS?