



## Reporting

While Planning & Development Services has consistently gathered and reported monthly numbers for years, we are excited to improve upon the reporting process through the introduction of a this new and highly visual report format. This format allows us to not only highlight trends but to also call attention to the essential services we provide, opportunities for public engagement, and more.

The importance of regular and accessible reporting was a focus of *Columbia Compass*, the City's comprehensive plan - and this report represents one of the many ways we continue to innovate as a Department and a City.



## Getting Started

Helping Facilitate the Development Process in June

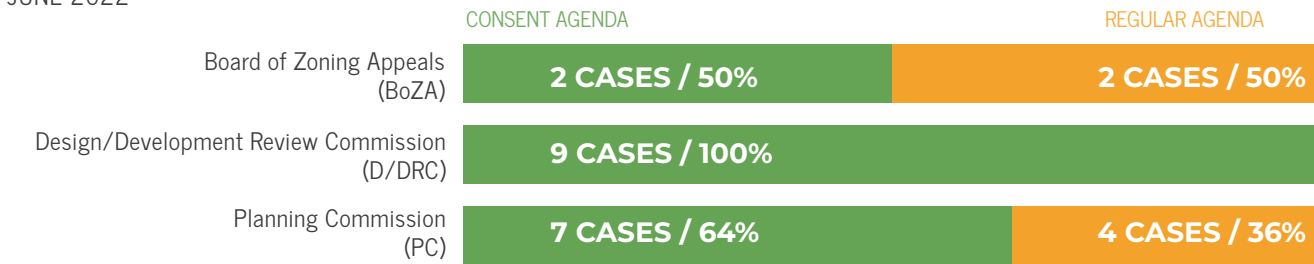
PRE-DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS	ANNEXATION REQUESTS	ZONING CONFIRMATIONS	Meetings to discuss development proposals prior to formal plan/permit submittal
7	3	172	Property owner petitions for annexation into the City
			Requests to confirm zoning associated with new business ownership, business relocations, etc.

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## LAND USE BOARDS & COMMISSION REVIEWS

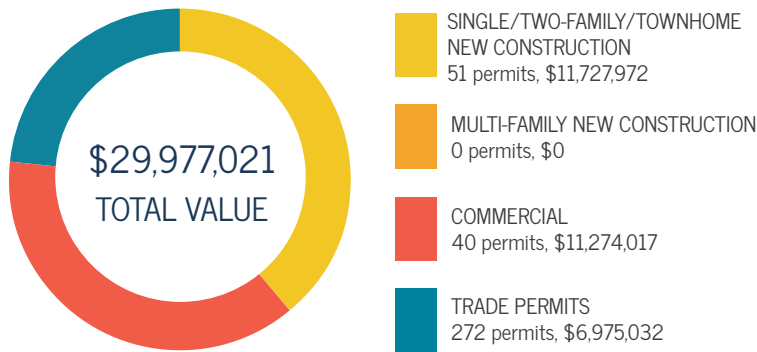
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## Under Construction

Permits Issued in June

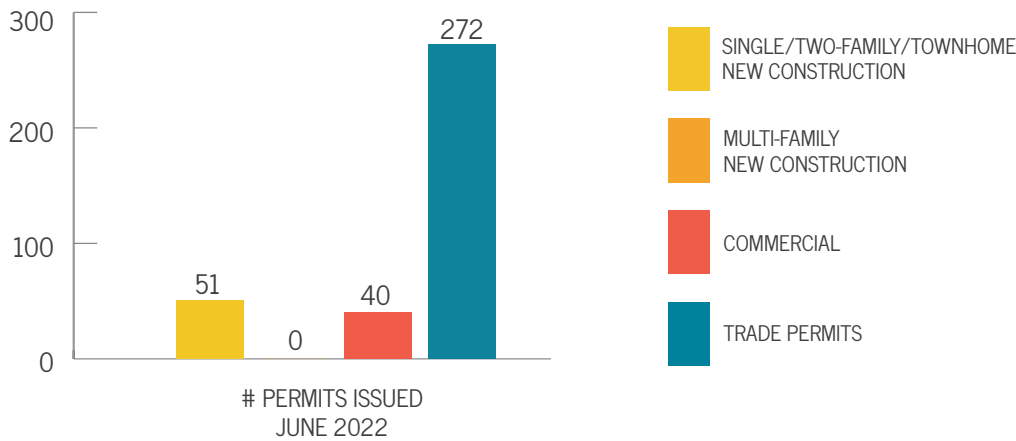
### PERMITS VALUATION & NUMBER OF PERMITS



### Did you know?

In May the City's permitting software underwent a substantial upgrade. The updated software is HTML5 compatible, and provides increased functionality with reporting and visualization tools.

The software, Tyler Technologies' Enterprise Permitting and Licensing, is primarily utilized by the Planning & Development Services Department, the Engineering Department, the Business License Division, and Code Enforcement Division, however select staff in several other City departments utilize the software for the purpose of routing development reviews.



### DESIGN REVIEW

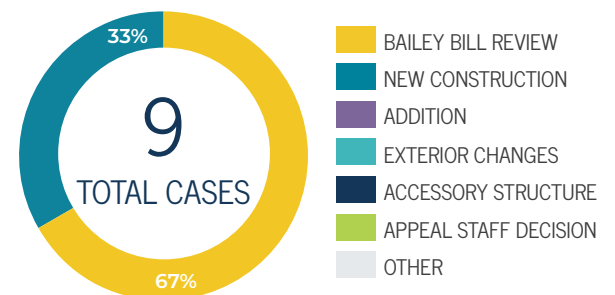
Design review is required for certain projects within the City's urban design and historic preservation zoning overlays. The vast majority of these reviews are completed at the staff level, however certain types of projects require D/DRC review.

All applications for the Bailey Bill tax abatement program must be reviewed by the D/DRC per ordinance; you can learn more about the Bailey Bill and other preservation incentives [here](#).



### COMMON D/DRC REQUESTS

CASES HEARD IN JUNE



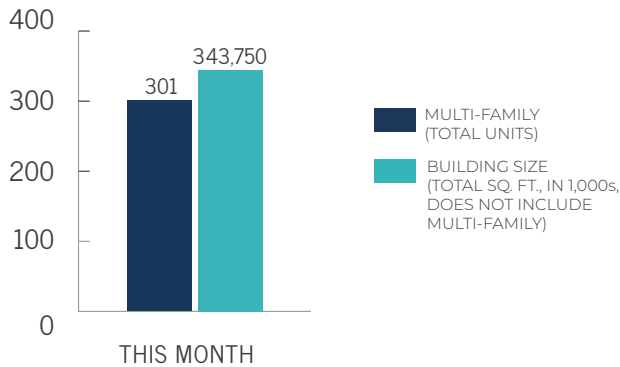
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Land Development Reviews

Approval for Major Subdivisions and Major Site Plans is granted at the Planning Commission level, whereas Minor Subdivisions and Minor Site Plans are reviewed solely by staff for compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). **Major Subdivisions** are subdivisions of lots where platting, construction, opening, or extension of at least one of the following occurs: new streets, improvement of existing streets, water or sewer facilities, storm drainage facilities, and other utilities. **Major Site Plans** propose at least one of the following: nonresidential development of 100,000 square feet or greater, multi-family development of more than 25 units, or the development of new principal uses and structures on a lot.

### MAJOR SITE PLANS

APPROVED BY PC

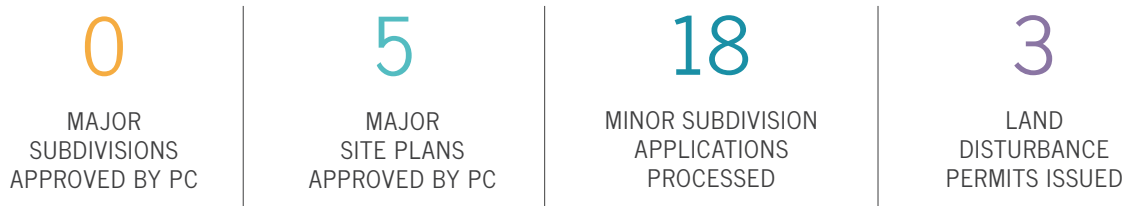


**Did you know?**

Starting July 1, 2022, registered users can also use the City's [online permitting portal](#) to apply for land disturbance permits!

These applications are processed by the Development Center and reviewed by the City's Engineering Department. Adding this application type to the online permitting portal helps increase efficiency for both contractors and City staff, and it's a great way to kick off the new fiscal year!

### BY THE NUMBERS - JUNE 2022



## Ensuring Compliance

Inspection & Enforcement Activities in June



# Permitting by the Numbers

Dive into the Details

Permit Type	#
Certificate of Design Approval	21
Commercial Building	40
Commercial Building Trade - Electrical	106
Commercial Building Trade - Gas	5
Commercial Building Trade - Mechanical	29
Commercial Building Trade - Plumbing	25
Commercial Roofing	7
Demolition (Residential)	1
Fire Extinguishing System	0
Fire Alarm System	5
Fire Sprinkler System	25
Land Disturbance	3
Residential Building	164
Residential Building Trade - Electrical	27
Residential Building Trade - Gas	10
Residential Building Trade - Mechanical	40
Residential Building Trade - Plumbing	30
Residential Roofing	50
Sign	20
Swimming Pool	7
Urban Forestry	1
Zoning Permit **	14
Zoning Temporary	2
Zoning Wireless Communication Facility	2
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>634</b>

Permits Issued For	This Month	Same Month Last Year	FY to Date	Last FY to Date
Residential Building New One Family/Townhouse	51	82	1,006	775
Residential Building Two Family	0	0	3	12
Residential Building Renovation	109	94	958	824
Commercial Building	40	37	423	328
Swimming Pools	7	8	77	94
Demolition	1	5	27	59
Building, Trades, & Specialties Permits	53	41	403	351
Zoning Permits	14	12	190	205
Total Value of Buildings	\$39,814,308.13	\$47,928,226.00	\$936,734,494.47	\$528,192,383.00
Total Building Inspections Made	1,479	1,039	15,319	11,377
Total Fees Collected * Includes Business License	\$302,922.07	\$233,603.93	\$3,946,173.45	\$2,526,177.59
Plan Reviews	128	126	1,542	1,338
Fees Collected Plan Review	\$5,846.38	\$5,547.00	\$53,847.00	\$49,738.00

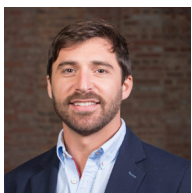
\* Total Fees Collected for Zoning Business License Fee: \$2,959.00

\*\* Zoning Permits are combined with Building Permits in the permitting software. The Zoning Permit count is for Zoning Only Permits (fences, temporary signs, Wireless Communication Facilities, etc.)

## City Welcomes New Land Use Board & Commission Members

Public participation is integral to the planning process, and our board and commission members go the extra mile by regularly dedicating their time on a monthly basis to help facilitate these critical development reviews.

This June we welcomed four new land use board and commission members, with the appointments of Bruce Greenberg and Phillip Maguire to the Design/Development Review Commission (D/DRC), and Ryan Causey and Steve Cook to the Planning Commission (PC). We're excited to work with them, and wanted to share a few tidbits about each of our new appointees.\*



**Bruce Greenberg** is a lawyer and commercial real estate professional with Trinity Partners. He is a Columbia native and is active in the community. In his free time, he volunteers with Camp Cole – a fully accessible retreat

facility in the Midlands that was created to help promote the physical, mental, and emotional health of children, teens, and adults facing serious illnesses or other life challenges.



**Phillip Maguire** is a senior consultant with an international technology consulting firm. He also runs columbiabusinesses, a blog highlighting Columbia's new and existing businesses. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his dog, enjoying Columbia's many greenways, and trying out local restaurants.

**Ryan Causey** is a commercial real estate broker with Trinity Partners. Ryan also serves on the boards for Columbia Kiwanis Club and Salvation Army of the Midlands, and is a member of The United Way of the Midlands Tocqueville Society. In his free time Ryan enjoys traveling with his family, playing golf, and enjoying all that Columbia has to offer.



**Steve Cook** has lived in Columbia since enrolling at the University of South Carolina to study Finance & Business Administration in 1998, and he owns and operates Saluda's Restaurant and Il Bucato Pizza in the city. In addition to running his businesses, Steve is the

President of the Five Points Merchants Association and currently serves on the City of Columbia Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness. His wife Joanne and their three children Steven III, Creighton and Gloria live in Lake Katharine.

## Planning e-Newletters

Did you know the Planning Division regularly sends e-newsletters related to comprehensive plan implementation, multimodal transportation, and historic preservation? In June, these newsletters helped highlight the upcoming urban heat island mapping project, opportunities to comment on SCDOT resurfacing projects, PARK(ing) Day plans for 2022, and more!

These e-newsletters are a great way to build your knowledge and stay on top of planning efforts in the City and the Midlands Region, and you can sign up for newsletter(s) which reflect the topics you're interested in using the links below:

- [Columbia Compass comprehensive plan newsletter](#) (monthly)
- [Preservation Newsletter](#) (quarterly)
- [Walk Bike Columbia multimodal transportation newsletter](#) (monthly)

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\*Please note that communication regarding cases on the land use board and commission agenda must go through the proper channels to avoid ex parte communication concerns. Agendas for each board and commission provide details on how to best submit public comments - please [visit our website](#) for details.