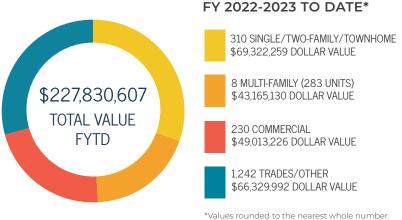
# **Development Snapshot**



## **Insights**

As we review December's data, we inevitably reflect on the end of the calendar year while also marking the halfway point of our fiscal year. Six months in, we've found a rhythm to this updated reporting process, and we look forward to a time when we can make broader comparisons across fiscal years. As we start the new year, we'd appreciate your feedback: is there data you're interested in seeing here? Are there topics you'd like to learn more about? Let us know - send us an email at developmentcenter@columbiasc.gov.



## **Getting Started**

Helping Facilitate the Development Process in December

PRE-DEVELOPMENT **MEETINGS** 

**ANNEXATION REQUESTS** 

ZONING **CONFIRMATIONS** 

Property owner petitions for annexation into the City

Requests to confirm zoning associated with new business ownership, business relocations, etc.

FY 2022-2023 TO DATE

19 741 837 77

#### LAND USE BOARDS & COMMISSION REVIEWS

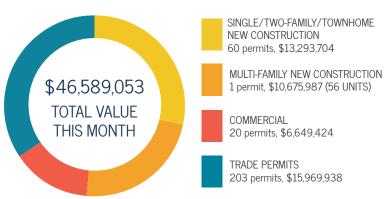
DECEMBER 2022 CONSENT AGENDA **REGULAR AGENDA** Board of Zoning Appeals 1 CASE / 50% 1 CASE / 50% (BoZA) Design/Development Review Commission 2 CASES / 50% 2 CASES / 50% (D/DRC) Planning Commission 8 CASES / 100%

### **Under Construction**

Permits Issued in December

#### PERMIT VALUATION\* & NUMBER OF PERMITS

PERMITS ISSUED DECEMBER 2022

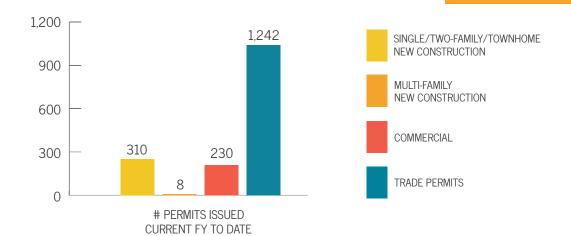


\*Values rounded to the nearest whole number.

# **Building Code Updates**

Did you know that new building codes are adopted usually every 3 years? The current codes were adopted in 2020 and starting January 1, 2023, City of Columbia will start the new code cycle with the adoption of the 2021 International Building Code with SC Modifications and the related codes

Any request for permits submitted after December 31, 2022 must follow the 2021 editions. For reference, see <u>this memo</u> from the South Carolina Building Codes Council



### **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 DECEMBER



## **Under Construction**

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



#### BY THE NUMBERS - DECEMBER 2022

0

MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PC 0

MAJOR SITE PLANS APPROVED BY PC 10

MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS PROCESSED 2

LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS ISSUED

## **Ensuring Compliance**

Inspection & Enforcement Activities in December

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED

82

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

1,313

LAND DEVELOPMENT INSPECTIONS

7

ZONING SITE VISITS

24

# **Permitting by the Numbers**

Dive into the Details

Permit Type	#		
Certificate of Design Approval	12		
Commercial Building	21		
Commercial Building Trade - Electrical	50		
Commercial Building Trade - Gas	7		
Commercial Building Trade - Mechanical	21		
Commercial Building Trade - Plumbing	21		
Construction Trailer	0		
Commercial Roofing	4		
Curb Cut	1		
Demolition (Commercial)	1		
Demolition (Residential)	2		
Fire Extinguishing System	0		
Fire Alarm System	3		
Fire Sprinkler System	5		
Land Disturbance	2		
Residential Building	139		
Residential Building Trade - Electrical	39		
Residential Building Trade - Gas	8		
Residential Building Trade - Mechanical	40		
Residential Building Trade - Plumbing	17		
Residential Roofing	43		
Sign	18		
Swimming Pool	5		
Urban Forestry	0		
Zoning Permit *	9		
Zoning Temporary	1		
Zoning Wireless Communication Facility	3		
Total Permits	472		

Permits Issued For	This Month	Same Month Last Year	FY to Date	Last FY to Date
Residential Building New One Family/Townhouse	58	37	299	367
Residential Building Two Family	2	0	11	2
Residential Building Renovation	73	70	486	495
Commercial Building	21	19	238	192
Swimming Pools	5	2	38	33
Demolition	3	3	16	18
Zoning Permits	9	10	72	98
Total Value of Buildings	\$52,045,741.52	\$50,381,666.41	\$287,375,702.28	\$425,774,156.30
Total Building Inspections Made	1,313	1,123	8,632	6,956
Total Fees Collected (Includes Business License)	\$179,935.70	\$196,464.50	\$1,591,120.21	\$1,699,847.22
Plan Reviews	93	62	622	617
Fees Collected Plan Review	\$3,263.82	\$1,587.50	\$21,852.82	\$22,367.62

<sup>\*</sup> 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.)

# **Planning & Development News**



## **Greene Street Bridge Opens**

The Greene Street bridge, spanning the railroad between Lincoln and Huger Streets, was completed and officially openend in December 2022. This Richland County Penny Tax for Transportation Project was implementation of a key Innovista Master Plan (2007) recommendation. The project provides expansive sidewalks for pedestrian travel, bike lanes, and vehicular travel lanes, and is reflective of high-quality urban design.







Photos of the newly opened Greene Street bridge illustrate the use of stylized lighting, pavers, formal and informal seating, and landscaping reflective of the Innovista Design Guidelines.

# Are you prepared for winter weather?

With the recent holiday freeze still on all of our minds, now is a great time to make a plan to prepare for severe winter weather.

- » Know where to turn the water off, and make sure you have the proper tools to do it. Practice turning off your water now, so you know you're prepared when you need to be!
- Think about adding insulation to pipes, attics, and crawl spaces if it isn't already in place. Have insulation and covers on hand to cover any outdoor spigots.
- If you're leaving town when winter weather is in the forecast, you can use a whole-house shutoff to drain your water lines. Remember to turn off and drain landscape irrigation lines as well; they may have a separate shutoff.

Visit the SC Emergency Management website to learn more about winter weather prep.