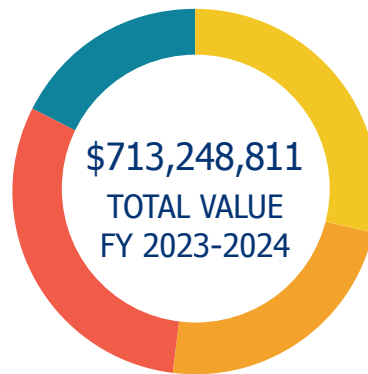


Insights

As we transition into a new fiscal year, we also will be covering some transitions in our land use boards and commissions. We look forward to working with (and telling you about) some newly appointed board and commission members shortly, but in the meantime we're taking the time to celebrate the day-to-day work that continues without fail, and often without recognition. Please be sure to check out the last page of this report, where you can join us in celebrating the statewide recognition of our preservation planners, the long-standing dedication of a D/DRC member, and the opportunity to participate in a plan for Downtown.



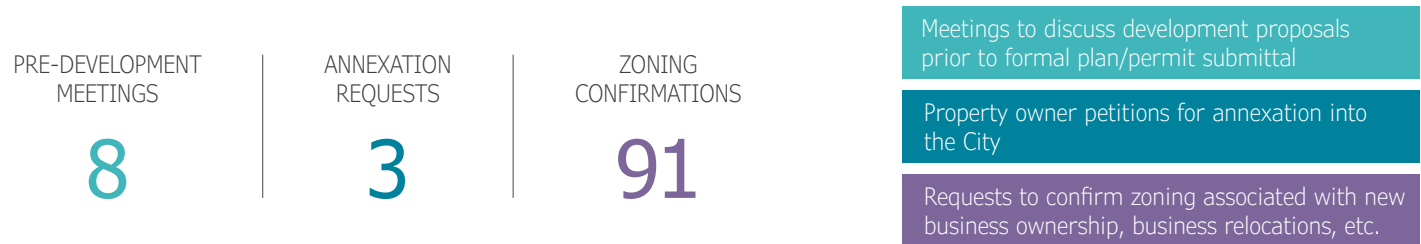
FY 2023-2024

- SINGLE/TWO-FAMILY/TOWNHOME NEW CONSTRUCTION
1,100 permits, \$205,863,750
- MULTI-FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION
20 permits, \$166,523,193 (717 units)
- COMMERCIAL
344 permits, \$216,289,579
- TRADES/OTHER
2,308 permits, \$124,572,289

*Values rounded to the nearest whole number.

Getting Started

Helping Facilitate the Development Process in June

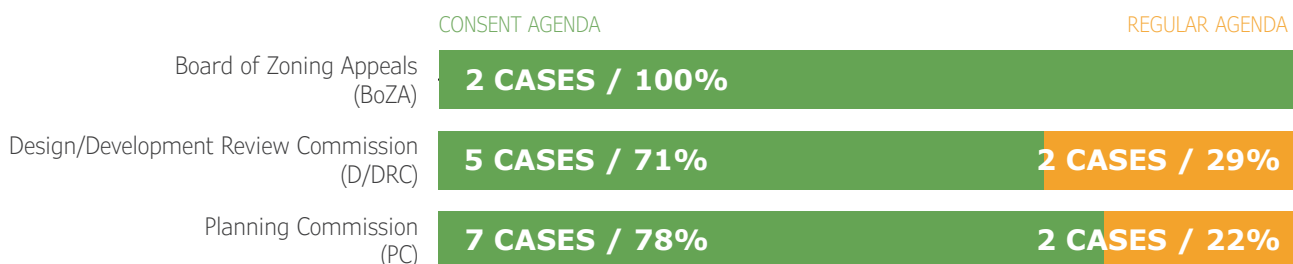


FY 2023-2024 TOTAL



LAND USE BOARDS & COMMISSION REVIEWS

JUNE 2024

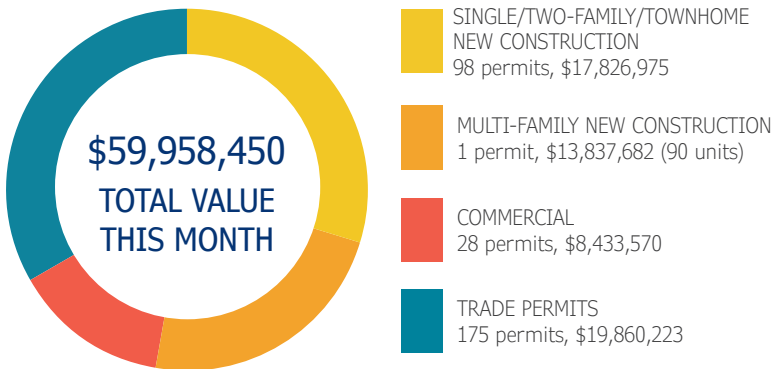


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Permits Issued in June

PERMIT VALUATION* & NUMBER OF PERMITS

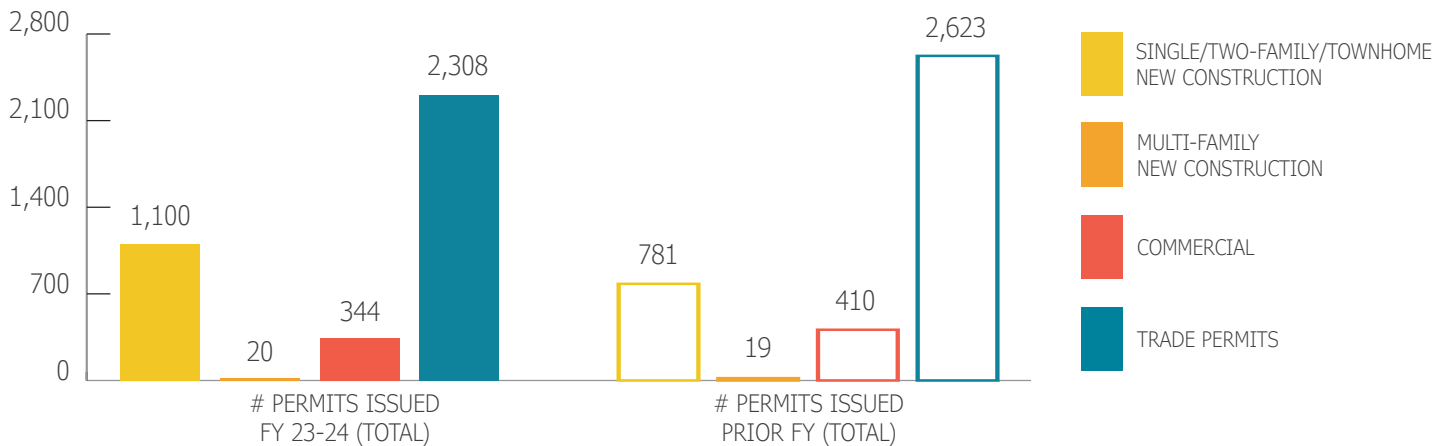
PERMITS ISSUED IN JUNE



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Build Knowledge!

The Coalition of Columbia's Historic Districts is focused on expanding access to hands-on instruction for common preservation repairs. They've hosted two workshops already this year with the 2024 Paws for Preservation Calendar funds, and were recently awarded a Richland County Conservation Award - which means new workshops are in the works! Learn more about the CCHD's efforts [here](#), and [sign up to receive the preservation e-newsletter](#) to stay in the loop as workshops are announced.



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.

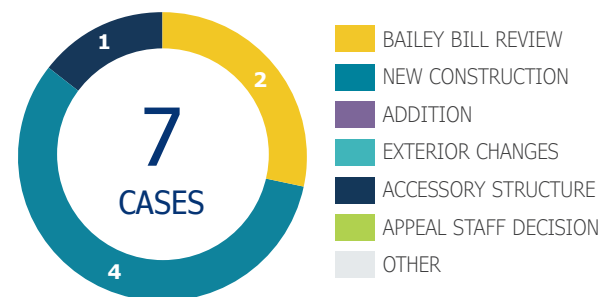
All applications for the Bailey Bill tax abatement program must be reviewed by the D/DRC per ordinance; you can learn more about the Bailey Bill and other preservation incentives [here](#).

COMMON D/DRC REQUESTS

CASES HEARD IN JUNE

19
PRESERVATION CDAs
ISSUED BY STAFF

11
URBAN DESIGN CDAs
ISSUED BY STAFF



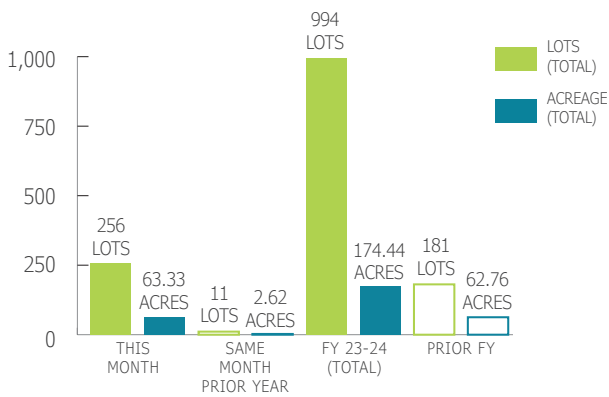
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Land Development Reviews

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.

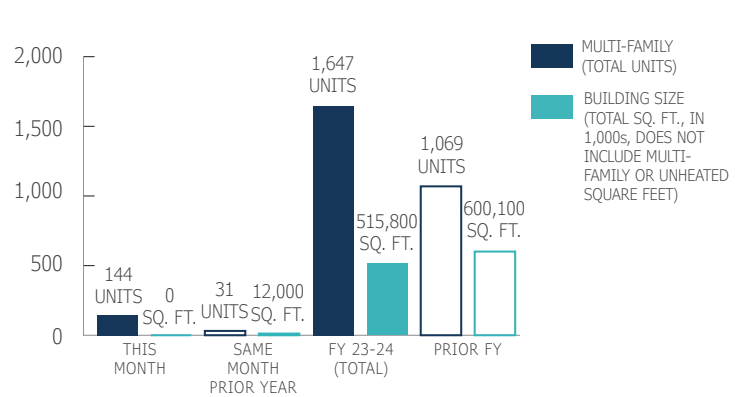
MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

APPROVED BY PC



MAJOR SITE PLANS

APPROVED BY PC



BY THE NUMBERS - JUNE 2024

<h1>3</h1> <p>MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PC</p>	<h1>1</h1> <p>MAJOR SITE PLANS APPROVED BY PC</p>	<h1>6</h1> <p>MINOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS PROCESSED</p>	<h1>8</h1> <p>LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS ISSUED</p>
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Ensuring Compliance

Inspection & Enforcement Activities in June

<p>CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED</p> <h1>72</h1>	<p>BUILDING INSPECTIONS</p> <h1>1,518</h1>	<p>LAND DEVELOPMENT INSPECTIONS</p> <h1>9</h1>	<p>ZONING SITE VISITS</p> <h1>74</h1>
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Permitting by the Numbers

Dive into the Details

Permit Type	#
Certificate of Design Approval	30
Commercial Building	29
Commercial Building Trade - Electrical	19
Commercial Building Trade - Gas	7
Commercial Building Trade - Mechanical	27
Commercial Building Trade - Plumbing	15
Commercial Roofing	4
Construction Trailer	1
Curb Cut	0
Demolition (Commercial)	1
Demolition (Residential)	0
Fire Alarm System	9
Fire Extinguishing System	2
Fire Sprinkler System	9
Land Disturbance	3
Prescribed Grazing	5
Residential Building	165
Residential Building Trade - Electrical	29
Residential Building Trade - Gas	5
Residential Building Trade - Mechanical	44
Residential Building Trade - Plumbing	29
Residential Roofing	39
Sign	12
Swimming Pool	7
Urban Forestry	0
Zoning Permit *	61
Zoning Temporary	1
Zoning Wireless Communication Facility	1
Total Permits	554

Permits Issued For	This Month	Same Month Last Year	FY to Date	Last FY to Date
Residential Building New One Family/Townhouse	96	81	1,080	768
Residential Building Two Family	2	0	20	13
Residential Building Renovation	62	74	870	925
Commercial Building New	3	5	57	44
Commercial Building Renovation	26	16	294	371
Swimming Pools	7	8	54	74
Demolition	1	4	60	47
Zoning Permits	61	47	446	236
Total Value of Buildings	\$72,069,130.01	\$37,849,240.41	\$885,587,937.79	\$705,361,769.32
Total Building Inspections Made	1,518	1,551	19,262	16,736
Total Fees Collected (Does Not Include Business License)	\$229,909.00	\$148,277.00	2,603,066.55	\$2,702,764.69
Plan Reviews	131	115	1,547	1,400
Fees Collected Plan Review	\$3,799.00	\$3,815.00	\$53,220.33	\$48,538.00

* 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.)



Preservation planners (left to right) Betsy Kleinfelder, Rachel Walling, and Amy Moore, pictured with their Preservation Service Award, at the award reception

Preservation Planners win Statewide Award

This June, City of Columbia Preservation staff were recognized with a Preservation Service Award due to their energetic and creative efforts at outreach and advocacy for the preservation and appreciation of the community’s historic resources. Since 1995, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Preservation South Carolina, and the Office of the Governor have recognized exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of our architectural and cultural heritage with a series of statewide awards. In their announcement, the jury noted it was impressed by the variety of **programs**, including educational videos, newsletters, events and reports produced by the department including the recently released report on the **Economic Impact of Historic Preservation in Columbia**. We are so very grateful for all they do! Check out [the press release](#) + learn more about [the awards](#).

Recognizing Years of Service



Photograph courtesy of Tracie Broom

Robert (Bob) Broom has served on the Design/Development Review Commission since 2017, filling the architect position. Although his second term ended in 2023, Bob graciously stayed on until the architect position was filled. In his years of service with the D/DRC, Bob has been a part of

hundreds of project reviews in urban design and preservation districts throughout the city. His contribution to these projects and to his community is greatly appreciated. July 2024 will be Bob’s last D/DRC meeting.

We think Bob is pretty amazing. DYK Bob has spent his entire architecture career in Columbia, starting with working for renowned modernist architecture firm Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle, and Wolff in 1965? During his time with LBC&W, he worked on the Carolina Coliseum and the State Capitol Complex, among other projects that continue to shape the built environment in Columbia and South Carolina. Thank you, Bob, for your unwavering service and dedication to the City of Columbia!

Downtown Strategic Plan Public Open Houses Planned for August 1st!

The City of Columbia kicked off the [Downtown Columbia Strategic Plan and Design Guidelines](#) planning process in February. Since then, MKSK’s team has been listening to Columbians and translating what they have heard into some great ideas for the City. Come to an open house and hear their ideas for downtown Columbia. We want your feedback!

This new strategic master plan for Downtown Columbia will:

- » **Create a community-driven vision** for the public character of Downtown.
- » **Establish priorities for public policy and public investment** in the Downtown built environment.
- » **Protect the unique character** and assets of the historic urban core.
- » **Form the basis for Downtown Design Guidelines** to help shape great public spaces.

Attend a community meeting on Thursday, August 1st! Meetings will be a drop-in format, and provide an opportunity to engage directly with the consultants and City staff. Join us either between 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM or 4:00 - 6:30 PM at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Carolina Room, 1101 Lincoln Street.



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