

AGENCY SUMMARY

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (DPIE)

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Leadership

- **Dawit Abraham**, Director
- Mary Giles, Deputy Director
- LaMont Hinton, Deputy Director
- Lori Parrish, Chief of Staff

Core Services

- Ensure compliance of proposed plans with established codes and standards for new construction and alteration of residential and commercial buildings and site/road development construction
- Inspect residential and commercial properties to enforce compliance with County property standards, zoning requirements and building codes
- Issue licenses for various business activities regulated under applicable County and other codes

Organizational Structure

The Department consists of the Directors Office, the Engineering & Permitting section (3 Divisions, 1 Unit), the Construction & Zoning Section (2 Divisions & 1 Unit), and a Section which contains Administrative Services, Information Technology, the Boards & Commissions Unit, and Administrative Hearing Unit.

FY 2025 Key Accomplishments

- Launched the Stepped-Up Enforcement Initiative focusing on areas with the highest illegal business activity complaints and initiated a strategic communications phase.
- Imposed fines totaling \$1,366,051 and cleaned approximately 167 properties under the Clean Lots Program.
- Established the Customer Service Unit (CSU) to address customer complaints to address issues that require escalation.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) was created by legislation in 2013 due to continual concerns by customers and developers about the difficulty of acquiring permits, getting inspections, and other services. These functions, prior to the change, were spread out over nine different agencies. The formulation of DPIE consolidated all these services into one location, with the various functions associated with the regulation and approval of economic development and redevelopment projects within Prince George's County. These functions include the authorization and regulation of building, site/road, and utility permits, as well as business licensing, all of which help to drive the local economy and ensure the health and safety of County residents, businesses, investors, and visitors.

The [Office of Boards and Commissions](#) is responsible for overseeing and administering all boards and commissions for Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement. All Board and Commission meetings are open to the public. In addition to their regular duties, each board reviews and recommends changes to legislation, policies, and procedures related to existing County codes and regulations. Boards & Commissions include:

- [Board of Registration for Building Contractors](#)
- [Board of Registration for Electricians](#)
- [Dance Hall Board](#)
- [Nuisance Abatement Board](#)
- [Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Committee \(TTFCC\)](#)

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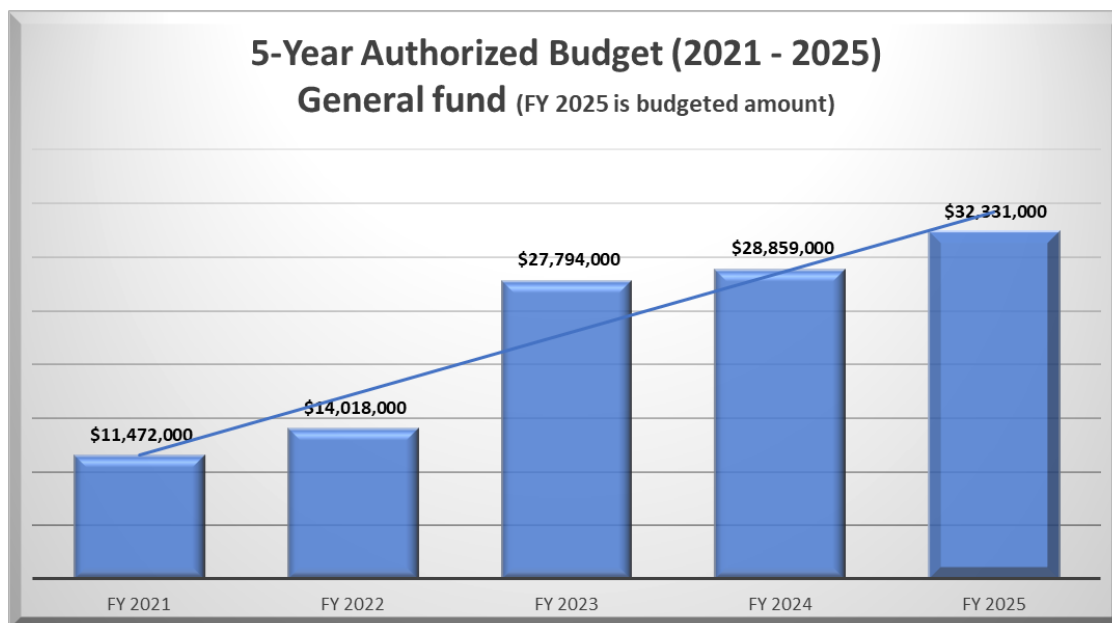
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- Developed a new Administrative Use and Occupancy permit process to streamline certain use and occupancy permits for change of owner or tenant with no change in use or construction.

FY 2026 Top Priorities

- Reduce the time duration between a permit application and its issuance.
- Continue to support the County Executive's Beautification Initiatives.
- Promote healthy communities and quality of life for County residents, businesses, and visitors by inspecting new and established residential and commercial properties for compliance with County codes and regulations.
- Continue to train and develop staff in new technologies, updated codes, and customer service skills.
- Create and staff the new rent stabilization unit.

Budgetary Resources – Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to DPIE from FY 2021-25.



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