

AGENCY SUMMARY

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (DPIE)

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DPIE [FY 2024 Approved Budget](#)
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Leadership

- **Dawit Abraham**, Director
- Mary Giles, Deputy Director
- LaMont Hinton, Deputy Director
- Lori Parrish, Senior Advisor

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 Permitting and Plan Review Division (Permitting & Licensing, Building Plan Review & Site/Road Review), and the Inspections & Enforcement Division (Administrative Services, Inspections & Enforcement)

FY 2024 Top Priorities

- Implement new process guidelines for expediting permits for electric vehicle charging stations and expanded guidelines to address permitting of curbside electric vehicle charging stations.
- Implement new guidelines for permitting rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar systems in commercial and multifamily residential properties.
- Expand the virtual platform for the Enforcement Division which increased productivity, accountability, and customer service.
- Increase the number of properties billed because of “forced abatement”.
- Reduce the amount of time it takes to adjudicate a case during the Nuisance Abatement process.

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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Budgetary Resources – Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to DPIE from FY 2020-24.

