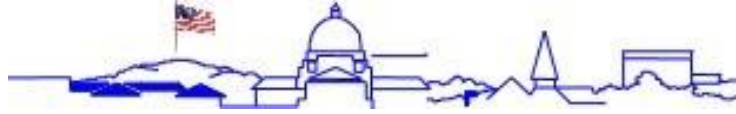


CITY OF ALTOONA



Department of Codes and Inspections

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



STAFF AND CERTIFICATIONS

Director - 1

- Building Code Official, PA Dept. of Labor & Industry



Building Inspector - 1

- PA Dept. of Labor & Industry & ICC Certifications



Code Enforcement Officers - 6

- ICC Property Maintenance & Housing Inspectors



GIS/Land Use Coordinator – 1

Customer Service Specialists - 2



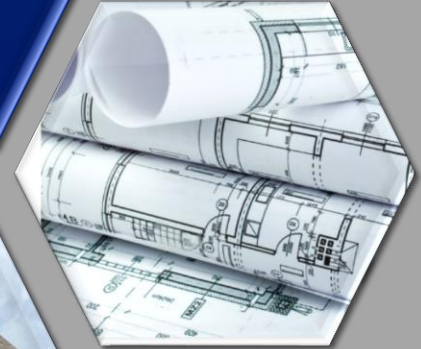
DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Permits
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Licenses



Land
Development

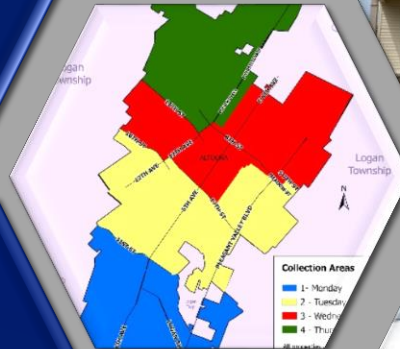
Zoning



Rental
Inspection
Program



Inspections



GIS

Code
Enforcement



INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEWS

City's Building Inspector:

- Reviews residential plans
- Residential and commercial building inspections
- Certificates of Occupancy

Middle Department Inspection Agency:

- Commercial plan reviews



**2018 Codes
were
adopted in
February
2022**

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

1548

1397

1476

2021

2022

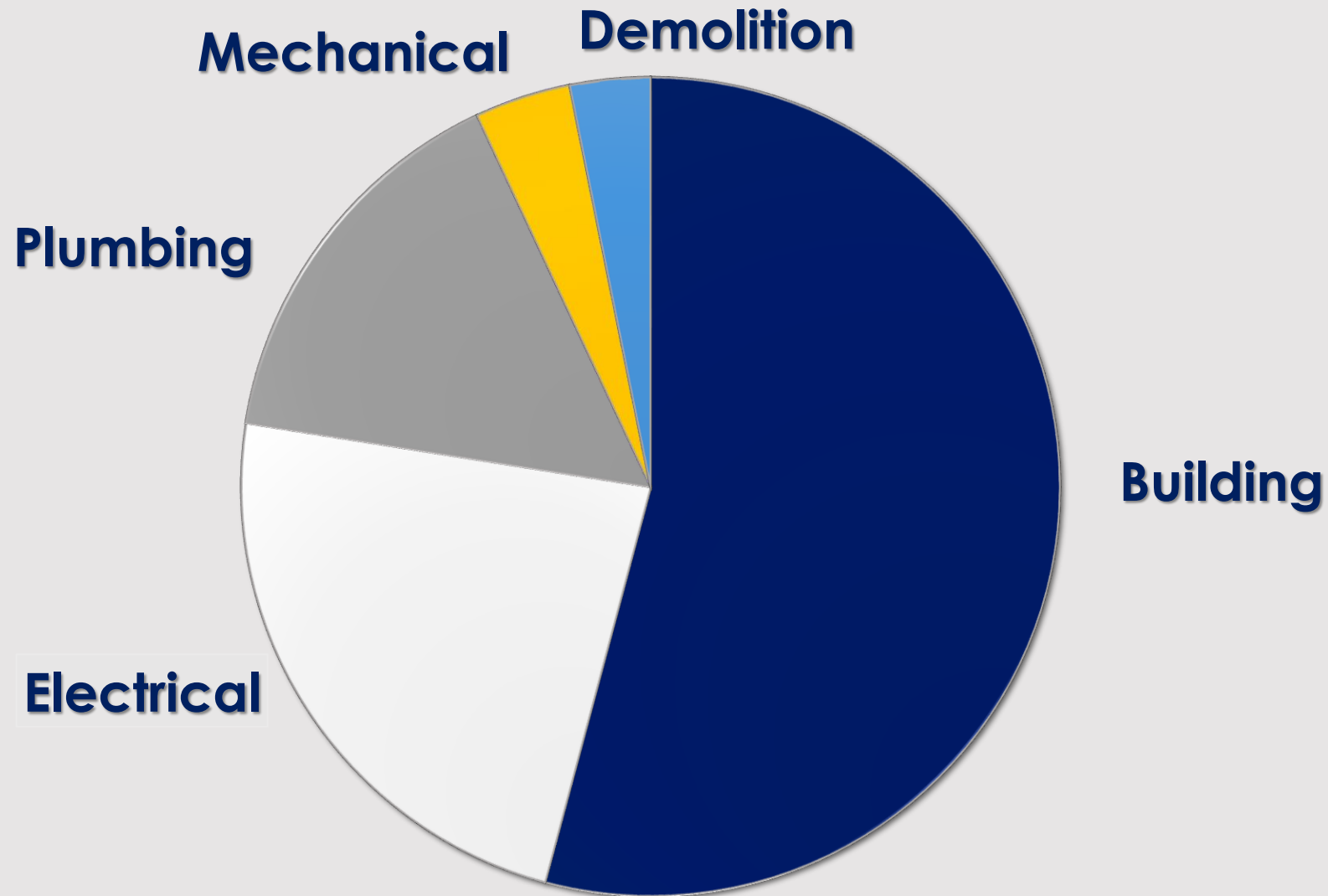
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Construction Value
\$23,184,000

Construction Value
\$24,303,000

Construction Value
\$36,234,000

PERMITS BY TYPE



BUILDING	787
PLUMBING	226
ELECTRICAL	339
MECHANICAL	55
DEMOLITION	46

MAJOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Graystone Phase III	\$11,000,000.00
AASD Penn Lincoln Renovation	\$2,000,000.00
City of Altoona – Altoona Police Station	\$1,500,000.00
AASD Mansion Park Bleachers	\$1,300,000.00
Benzel's - Addition	\$900,000.00
M&T Bank W. Plank Rd Renovation	\$700,000.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Inspection conducted after complaint received or violation observed by Code Enforcement Officer



Violation Determined:
Phone call, door hanger or
Notice of Violation issued and
date given to comply

Violation unfounded:
case closed



Re-inspection conducted on
date given to comply

Compliance met:
case closed

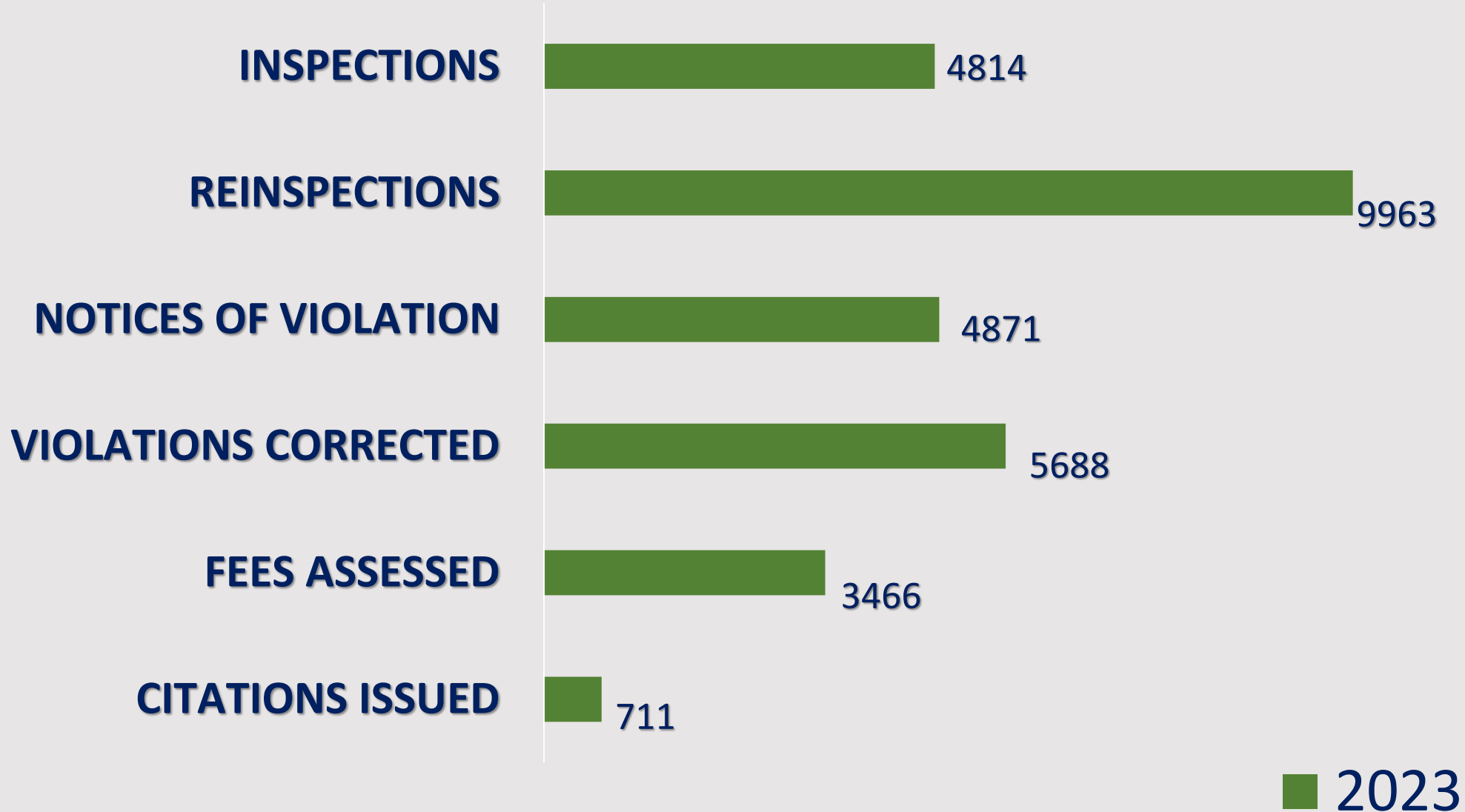


No compliance: re-inspection
fees assessed (\$75.00 every 10
days maximum \$225.00 for 3 re-
inspections)



Begin issuance of Summary
Citations at Magisterial
District Justice

CODE ENFORCEMENT - ACTIVITY

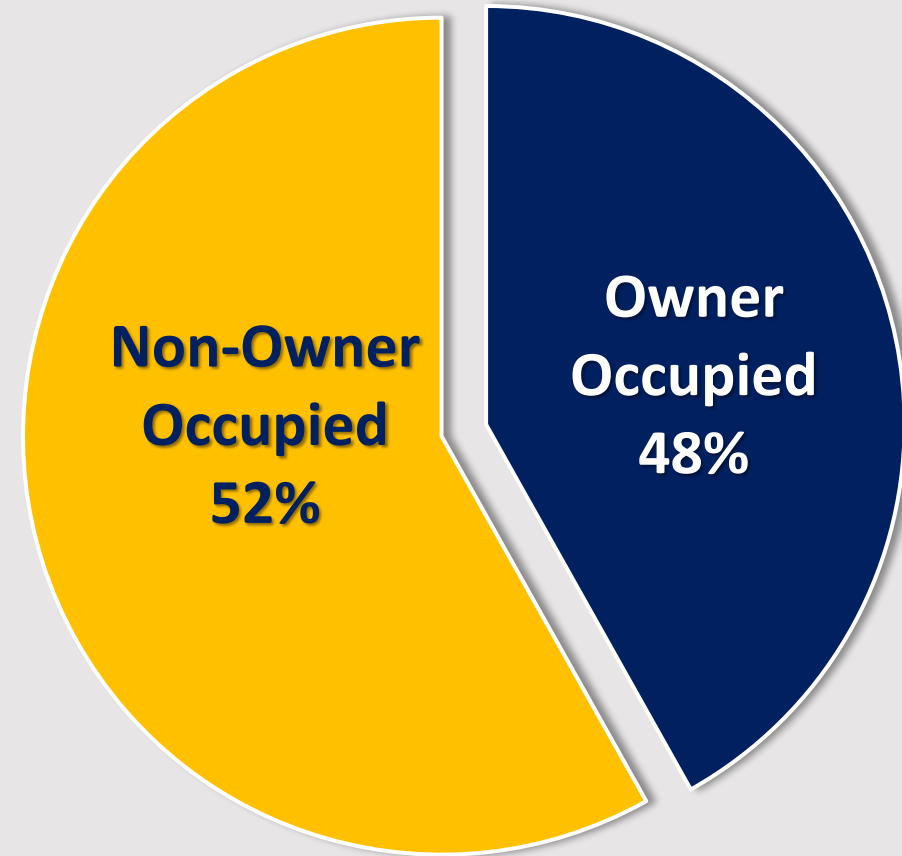


4 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DURING 2023

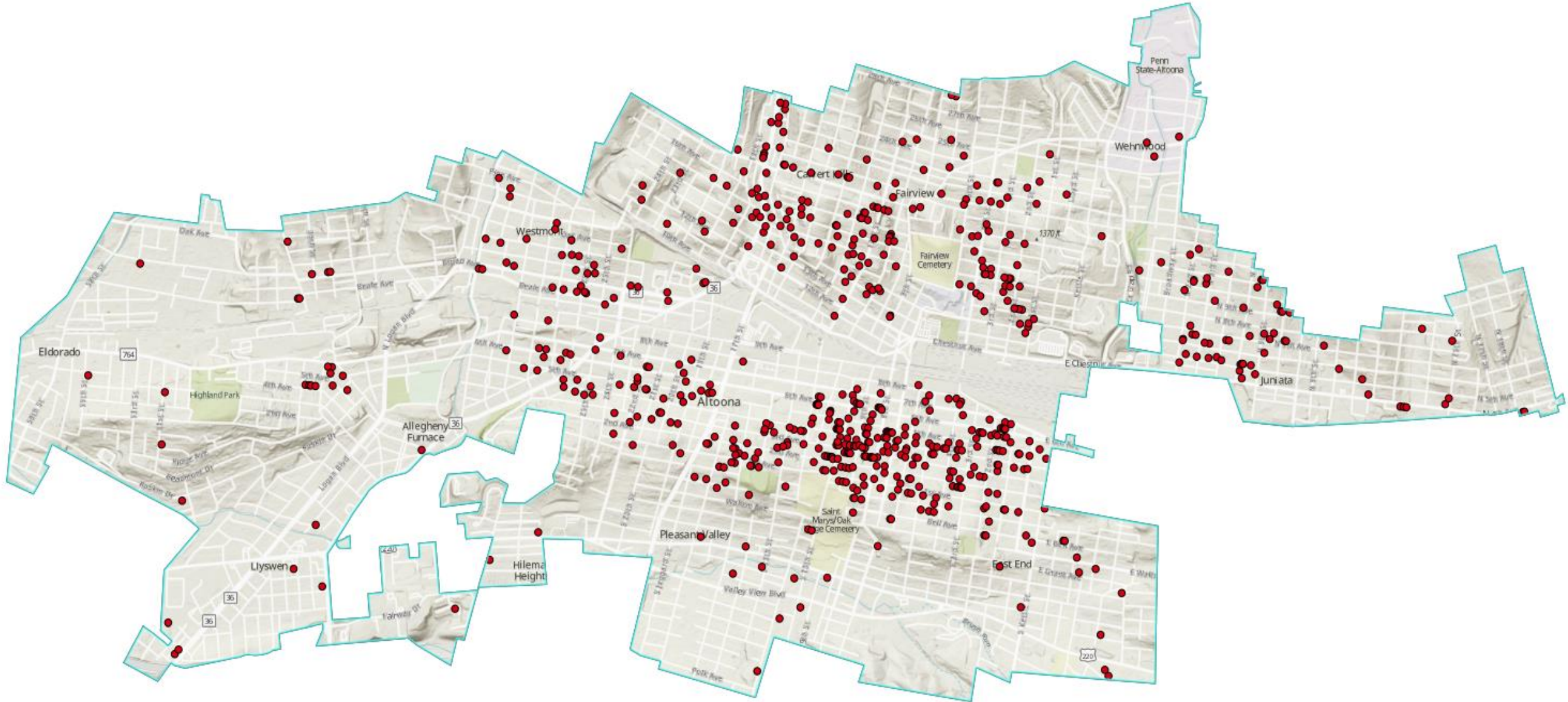
CODE ENFORCEMENT - VIOLATIONS

Garbage	1077
Vegetation/Overgrowth	1129
Repairs	610
Unregistered Rentals	107
Demolition Orders	46
Condemnations/Red-Tags	49
Trees	44
Vehicle	168
Vacant Property	137
Misc (Graffiti, Brush, Snow, Sidewalk, etc)	304

3671 TOTAL VIOLATIONS



AREAS OF ACTIVE VIOLATIONS



SUMMARY CITATIONS AND HEARINGS

- 502 hearings in 2023
- Code Court first Thursday of each month
- 2 or more guilty proceed to misdemeanor charges
- Over 500 active summary citations for noncompliance
- Dan Stants, Solicitor

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

MOW AND LIEN

- Vacant, unoccupied and abandoned
- Liens filed for service



HAUL AND LIEN

- Unresponsive owner/Public Nuisance
- Liens filed for service



BLIGHTED PROPERTIES - DEMOLITION



ABANDONED – DETERIORATING – UNSAFE STRUCTURE – FIRE PROPERTY – IMMINENT DANGER TO PUBLIC

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM

- Inspections once every three years.
- Minimum standards set forth in the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).
- Life-safety violations - 10 days to comply.
- All other violations - 45 days to comply.

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM

3578 Total Rental Properties
7402 Total Rental Units

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

560 In City
603 Outside City/in PA
64 Outside PA



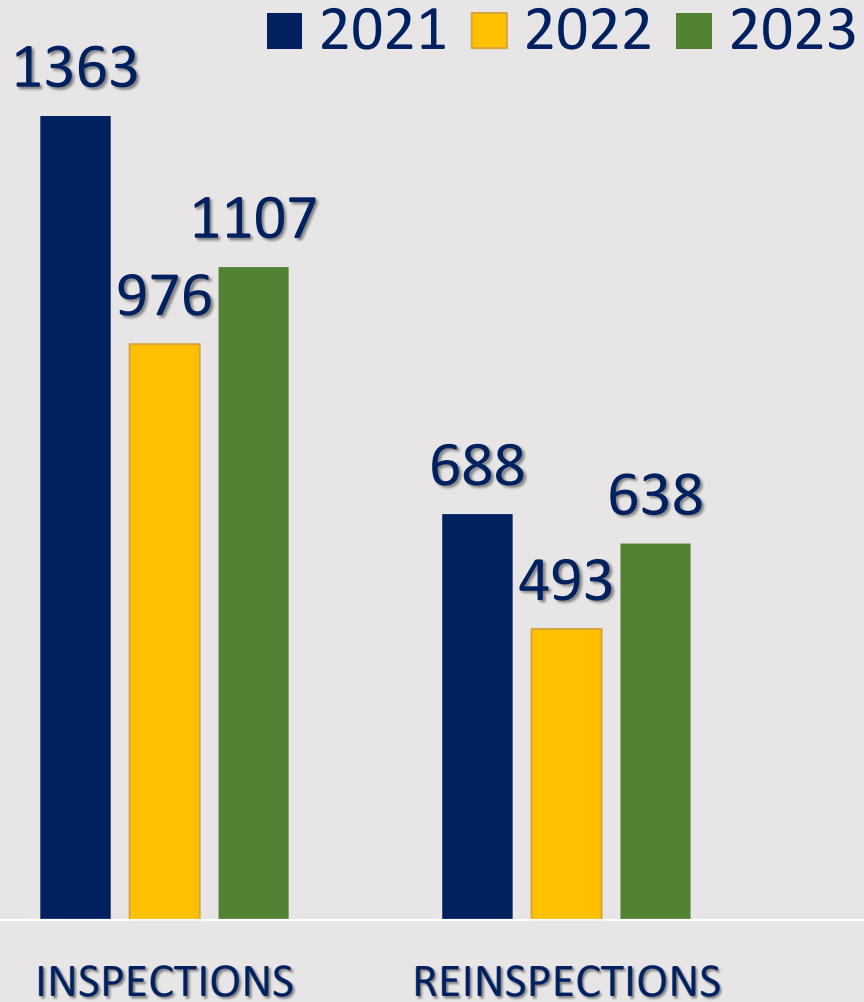
RENTAL PROPERTY BREAKDOWN

2569 1-unit
656 2-unit/duplex
137 3-unit
218 4-unit or more

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS - LOCATION



RENTAL INSPECTIONS AND VIOLATIONS



MOST COMMON VIOLATIONS:

- Accumulations
- Smoke Detectors
- CO2 Detectors
- Handrails
- Venting
- Fixture & Outlet Covers
- Unopenable windows and no screens
- Ceilings

LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

	2021	2022	2023
Plumber License	118	134	148
Electrician License	180	198	182
Contractor License	377	306	287
Mechanical Amusement Device	84 /299	68/412	89/523
Sexually-Oriented Business License	1	1	1
Business Privilege License (new)	173	176	186
Foreclosed Property Registration	49	67	107
Vacant Property Registration	112	211	214
	➤ 1309	➤ 1705	➤ 1648

BOARDS

PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD

MEMBERS: Joe Eckels, Stu Sellers, Tom Schultz, Mike Seidel, Charles Kimmen, Chris Marana, Lou Ventura

- **26 applications in 2023**
- **Licensing and one-time permits**

CODE APPEALS BOARD

2023 MEMBERS: Dave Albright, Brian Durbin, Larry Field, Dave Hess, James Potopa and Carroll White

- **6 applications in 2023**
- **Appeals to the City's Codes and Ordinances**

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2023 Members: Jesse Ickes, James Dixon, Devin Saylor, David Albright, Michael Haire, Richard Haines, Larry Billoto

- **Review and approve subdivisions and land developments**
- **Blight determination**
- **Assist in long-range planning efforts and land use planning**
- **Comprehensive Plan**

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

2023

2312 N BRANCH AVE	601 S 22 ND ST
5112 6 TH AVE	1916 3 RD ST
5813 ROSELAWN AVE	1201-31 BELL AVE
5709 6 TH AVE	413 BELLVIEW ST
118 ROSEHILL DR	5400 6 TH AVE
5200 6 TH AVE	1815-19 14 TH AVE
3074 ALTOONA CAMPUS DR	531 ROSEHILL DR
601 PLEASANT VALLEY BLVD	501 2 ND AVE
608 PLEASANT VALLEY BLVD	3331 BEALE AVE
1224 7 TH AVE	3801 WALNUT AVE
104 E SOUTHEY AVE	2621 5 TH AVE
117 LEXINGTON AVE	2212 6 TH AVE
N 4 TH AVE N 8 TH ST	104-10 CAROLINE AVE
2515 7 TH AVE	



LAND DEVELOPMENTS



SUBDIVISIONS

LERTA

- Encourage revitalization and development
- Local property tax increases can be phased over five years
- City of Altoona, Blair County and AASD

LERTA

Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance

The City of Altoona and City Council has implemented the LERTA program City-wide to provide tax incentives for the rehabilitation and development of qualified business property and qualified dwelling units to encourage revitalization and development.

How does LERTA work?

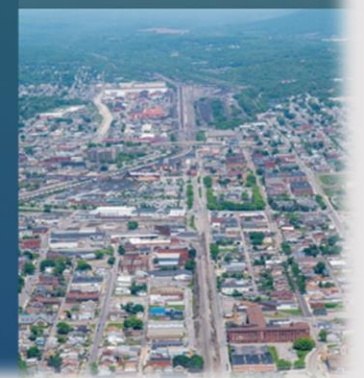
LERTA is applied for at the time of obtaining a building permit. After project completion, the City forwards the LERTA application to Blair County Tax Assessment with a copy of the building permit. The County then will assess the eligible exemption and notify the taxpayer.

Exemption Schedules:

- For the first fiscal year for which improvements are taxable, 100% of the eligible assessment shall be exempted;
- For the second fiscal year, 80%
- For the third fiscal year, 60%
- For the fourth fiscal year, 40%
- For the fifth fiscal year, 20%
- After the fifth fiscal year, the exemption shall terminate

CITY OF ALTOONA

QUESTIONS? We can help. Please call us
814-949-2456 or email us inspections@altoonapa.gov. You may also
contact Blair County Tax Assessment at 814-693-3110



ZONING

11 Zoning Districts

- Land Use
- Building Permits
- Business Licenses
- Designations

ENFORCEMENT 2023

11 Notices of Violation

6 Civil Actions Filed

ZONING

Zoning Hearing Board

Members: Horace McAnuff, Ted Beam, Cory Gehret, Matt Gindlesperger, Mariska Eash, Solicitor William Stokan

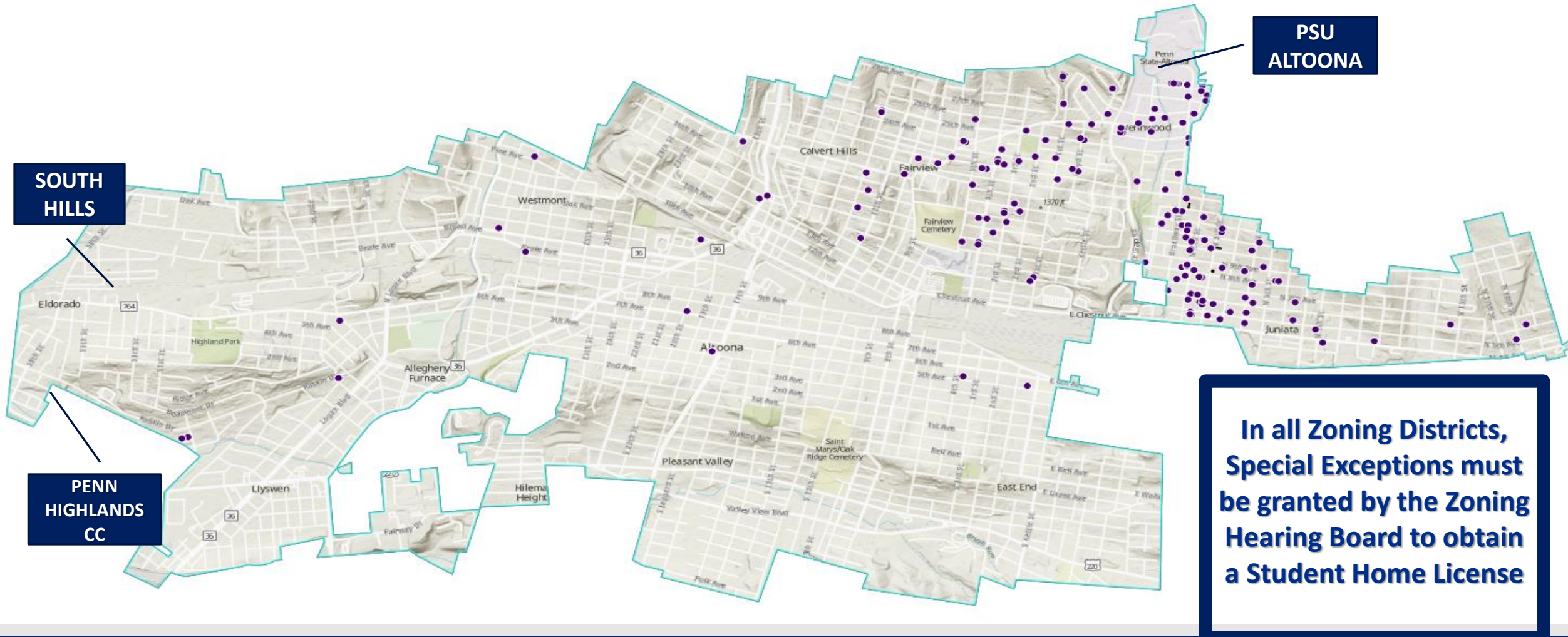
The Zoning Hearing Board hears appeals for setbacks, use variances, and special exceptions.

24 APPEALS in 2023



STUDENT HOUSING

171 Licensed Student Homes



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

- **Data management, mapping, and geographic analysis**
- **Maintains parcel database which operates BS&A**
- **City departments and Blair County Assessment & GIS**
- **Mapping and applications**



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Local Agencies Assistance and Partnering:

- ✓ Operation Our Town Housing Roundtable Committee
- ✓ Blair Senior Services
- ✓ Blair County Children and Youth Services
- ✓ Altoona Housing Authority
- ✓ Blair County Community Action Agency



Looking Forward



- ✓ Positive contact through reminders, announcements and bulletins on City's website and Public Access Channel, Department Facebook page
- ✓ Continue proactive code enforcement approach with sweeps and notifications of City programs and services
- ✓ Continuing coordination and cooperation with other City departments

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