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Department of Neighborhood Services

2023 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

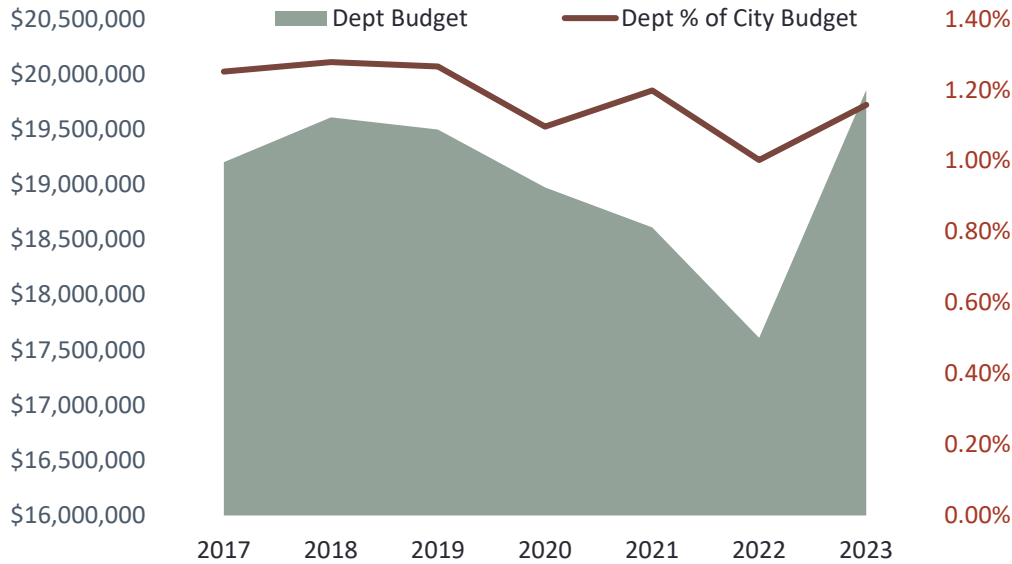
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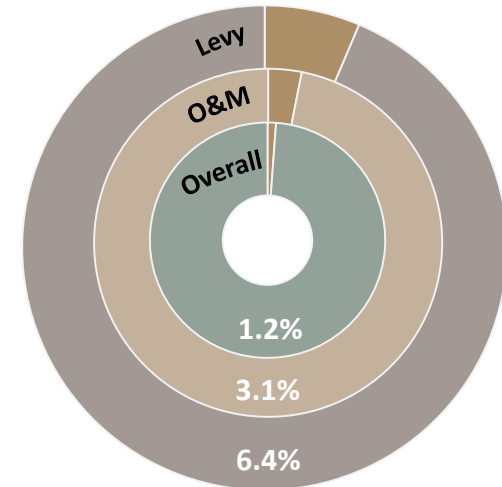
\$19,857,118
Proposed 2022 Budget

\$2,246,961
Change in Proposed Budget

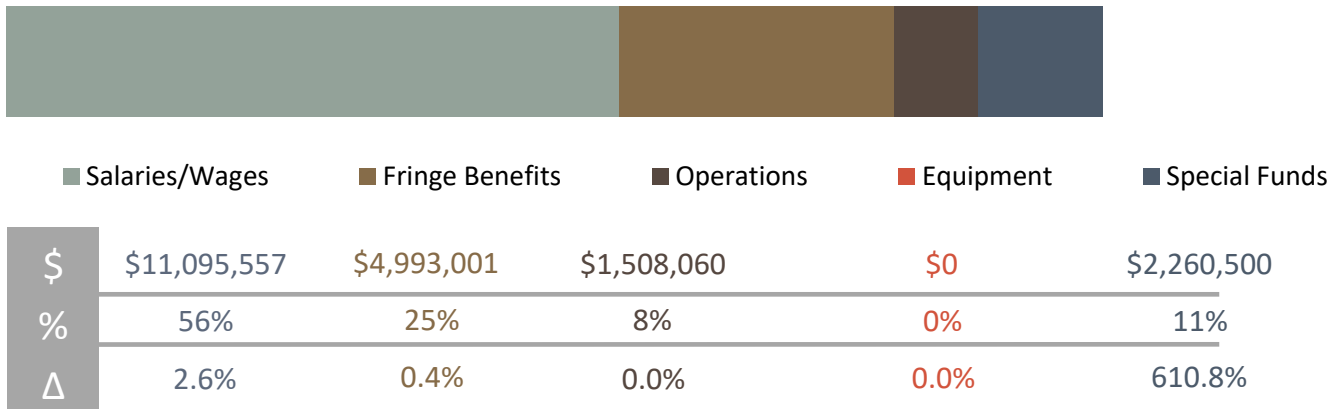
12.8%
% Change in Proposed Budget



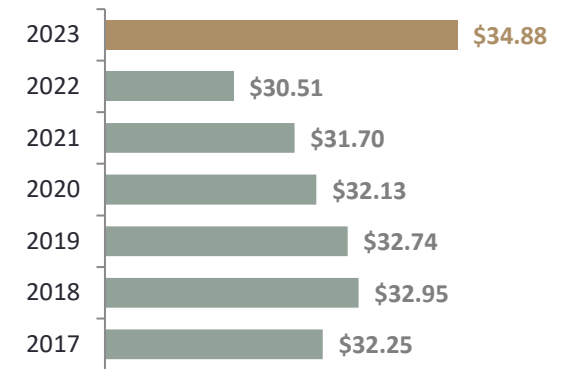
Departmental Budget Impact



Departmental Budget Appropriation Category



Budget per Capita



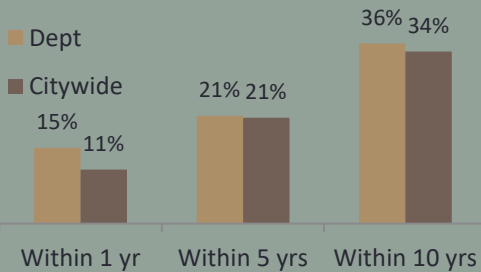
\$20,292,121

2023 Requested Budget - \$435,003 (2%) more than the Proposed Budget.

\$296,429

Net increase in salary costs from the 2022 Adopted Budget, resulting from pay changes for existing positions.

Retirement Eligible



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Change in Positions

0.7%

% Change in Positions

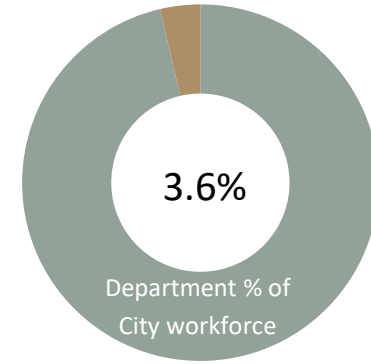
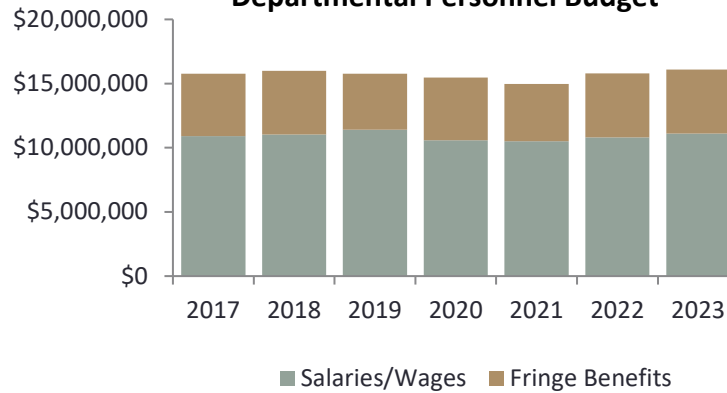
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Current Vacancies

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Voluntary Separations

Departmental Personnel Budget

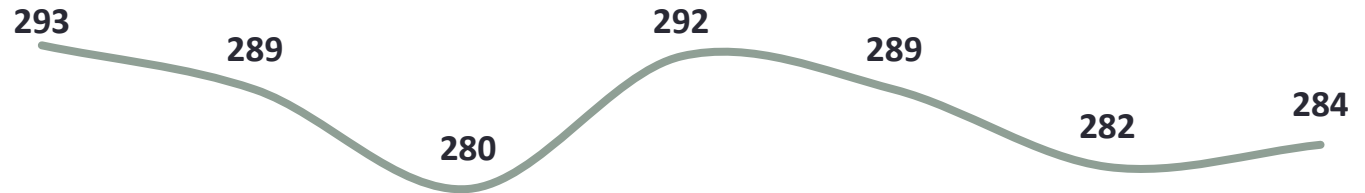


Staffing - Vacancies.

Position	Number
Supervisors	2
Enforcement Inspectors	
Residential Code	13
Commerical	9
Special	5
Electrical Inspectors	2
Elevator Inspectors	2
Plumbing Inspectors	1
Other Positions	14
Total Department	48

Staffing - Unfunded Positions.

Residential Code Enforcement Insp.	12
Neighborhood Improve. Proj. Insp.	1
Auxiliary Positions	
Residential Code Enforcement Insp.	3
Building Construction Insp. Div. Mgr.	2
Special Enforcement Insp.	2
Building Construction Insp. Div. Mgr.	1
Building Codes Enforcement Mgr.	1
Office Assistant II	2
Graduate Intern (0.58 FTE)	1
Total	25



**Department Positions
2017-2023**

\$3,113,000

Requested to remodel the department's Development Center, but not funded.

\$1,000,000

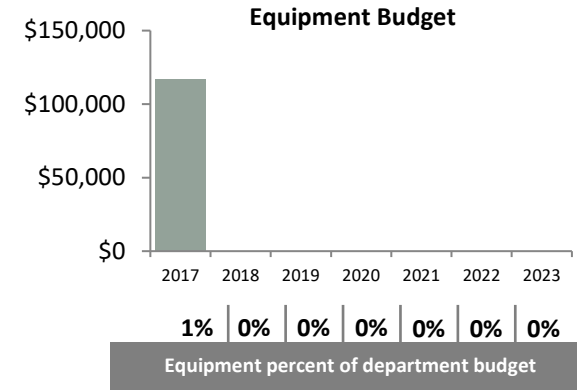
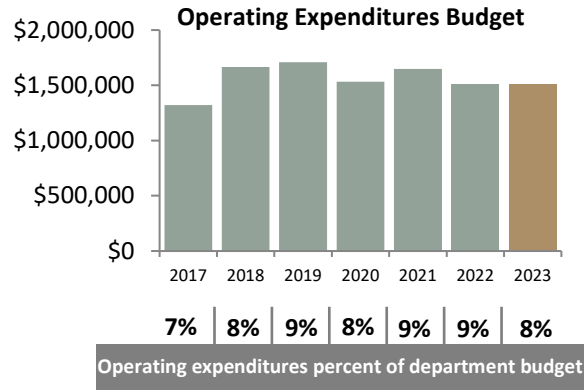
New borrowing in 2023 to fund code compliance loan program.

\$715,111

Balance of funding available from the \$1.2 million, 2019 budget allocation for property deconstruction.

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Deconstruction projects completed since 2016. Completed 10 between October, 2020 and early 2022, 2 in 2019, 5 in 2018, 4 in 2017 and 10 in 2016.



2021 Actual Reinspection Fees Rebound.

Actual reinspection fee revenues for 2021 were up \$1,350,397 (57%) from actual 2020 fee revenues, roughly comparable with 2019 fee revenues of \$3,410,904.

Downspout Disconnection Program.

12,000 inspections have been conducted by 5 inspectors and intern inspectors during Phase I of the downspout disconnection program. Phase II began in the 4th quarter of 2021. 10,150 of the remaining 15,668 inspections in Phase II have been completed, with the remainder scheduled for completion by yearend.

Code Compliance Loan Demographics.

Of the 46 loans approved in 2021, for a total loaned of \$599,094:

- Average Loan Amount - \$11,891.
- Average Income - \$23,281.
- Average Assessment - \$83,985.
- Average age of property owner - 58.
- Average years occupying property - 15.

Outstanding Raze Orders.

Year	Property Ownership		
	City	Private	Total
2018	230	245	475
2019	233	230	463
2020	195	189	384
2021	181	275	456
2022	209	277	486

* Sept. 9, 2022

\$294,474

8% increase in re-inspection fee revenues projected for 2023 over actual fees in 2021.

-\$198,837

1% decrease in estimated 2023 service revenues from 2021 actual service revenues of \$24 million.

\$38,980

Total rewards paid from inception in 2019 through August, 2022, for tips received through the Illegal Dumping Tip Website that resulted in 75 citations.

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Code Compliance Loan Program loans totaling \$599,094 approved in 2021.

Deconstruction & Demolition.

Deconstruction:

The department continues to struggle to find qualified deconstruction contractors. Request-for-proposals to deconstruct 5 parcels from a list of 40 parcels prepped for deconstruction were issued in April, 2021, and February, 2022. No contractor capable of meeting the terms and conditions required under the City’s deconstruction program has come forward.

- Asbestos and hazardous materials were abated on 52 parcels in preparation for deconstruction at a cost of \$173,889 or \$3,344 per parcel.
- 2 parcels deconstructed in 2019 at a cost of \$48,000 or \$24,000 per parcel.
- 10 parcels deconstructed between October, 2020 and early 2022 at a cost of \$263,000 or \$26,300 per parcel.
- The Common Council earmarked \$1.2 million for deconstruction in January, 2019. A total of \$715,111 remains unspent.
- 20 parcels remain abated for hazardous materials and ready for deconstruction.

Mechanical Demolition:

- 2018 – 79
- 2019 – 82
- 2020 – 55
- 2021 – 70
- 2022 YTD - 20

Illegal Dumping Tip Website.

- Launched in late June, 2018.
- 227 illegal dumping tips received in 2019, resulting in issuance of 21 citations. A total of \$10,500 in tip rewards was awarded.
- 411 illegal dumping tips received in 2020, resulting in issuance of 24 citations. A total of \$11,980 in tip rewards was awarded.
- 460 illegal dumping tips received in 2021, resulting in 21 citations. A total of \$12,500 in tip rewards was awarded.

293 illegal dumping tips received through August, 2022, resulting in 9 citations. A total of \$4,000 in tip rewards has been awarded.

Vacant Building Registration Fee

Projected 2023 Vacant Building Registration Fee revenues of \$850,000 down \$250,235 (23%) from 2021 actual revenues of \$1,100,235.

Number of vacant buildings registered declining:

- 2017 4,339
- 2018 2,877
- 2019 2,998
- 2020 2,833
- 2021 2,594
- 2022 2,875