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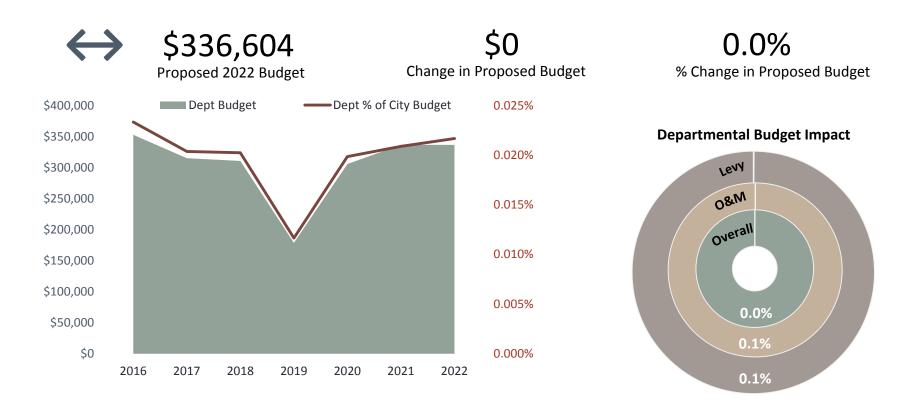
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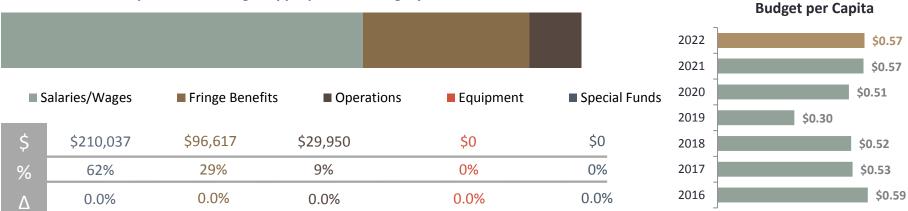
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

2022 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

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Departmental Budget Appropriation Category

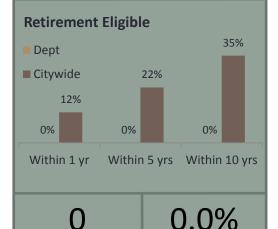




Decrease in the number of appeals filed with the Board, 2019 to 2020, a reflection of reduced economic and construction activity under COVID-19.

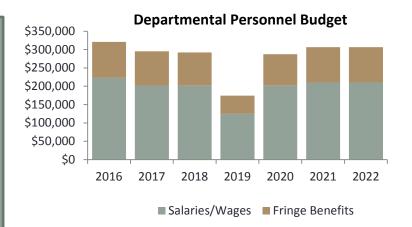
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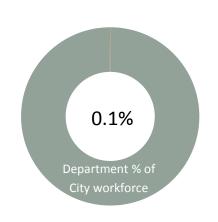
Difference between the department's actual revenues and actual expenditures in 2020; in 2019, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$93,065.



Change in Positions

Current Vacancies





Staffing Vacancies

- The Office Assistant IV position is currently vacant. This is one of the 3 full-time positions in the BOZA office; it was also vacant last October, at the time of 2021 Budget review.
- The filling of this vacancy requires re-approval by the Finance and Personnel Committee.

City Staff vs. Board Positions

- While the Board of Zoning Appeals has 11 authorized positions, 7 are actually members of the Board, not O&M-funded regular City employees.
- Of the 4 regular, non-Board positions, one is actually a half-time employee (Office Assistant III).

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Department Positions 2016-2022

% Change in Positions

Voluntary Separations

343

Number of appeals filed with the Board in 2021 (through 10/4), compared to 393 at the same time last year.

72%

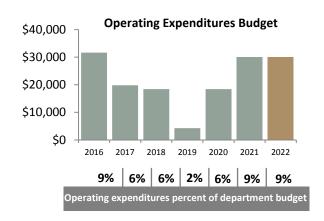
Percentage of Board decisions made with just one hearing so far in 2021, compared to the 2020 full-year figure of 69%

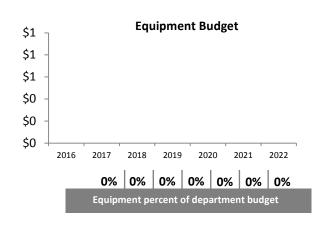
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Average number of days for the Board to hear an appeal and issue a written decision, 2021 year-to-date (through 10/4).

36%

Percentage of 2020 special use permit applications that were applications for renewal (comparable figures were 31% in 2018 and 26% in 2019).





BOZA Expenditures vs. Revenues

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Proposed
Expenditures	\$305,760	\$336,604	\$336,604
Revenues	\$183,963	\$224,000	\$225,000
Difference	-\$121,797	-\$112,604	-\$111,604

Appeals Filed by Type, 2020

Appeal Type	Pct. of Appeals
Special use permit	56.8%
Dimensional variance	20.8%
Use variance	10.5%
Change of operator	9.6%
All other	2.3%

Number of Appeals Filed, 2015 to 2021 YTD

Year	Appeals Filed with Board	
2015	657	
2016	637	
2017	631	
2018	624	
2019	598	
2020	437	
2021 YTD	343 (thru 10/4)	

Summary of Board Decisions, 2015 to 2021 YTD

Year	Decision Made With One Hearing	Avg. No. of Days, Appeal to Decision
2015	84%	39
2016	80%	42
2017	76%	46
2018	78%	44
2019	74%	48
2020	69%	71
2021	72% (thru 10/4)	63 (thru10/4)