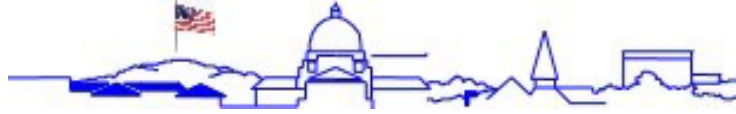


CITY OF ALTOONA



Department of Codes and Inspections

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



STAFF

Director

Rebecca M. Brown

Building Inspector

Scott P. Brown

GIS/Land Use Coordinator

Sabrina Appel-McMillen

Code Enforcement Officers

Blaine Barefoot

Scott Campanaro

Brent Wyandt

James Dusel

Cameron Heverly

Customer Service Specialists

Meghan Klein

Angelina Capriotti Long

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Director

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



Building Inspector

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



Code Enforcement Officers

- ICC Property Maintenance & Housing Inspectors



Pennsylvania State University PHRC
Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy
Code Conferences, Seminars and Courses



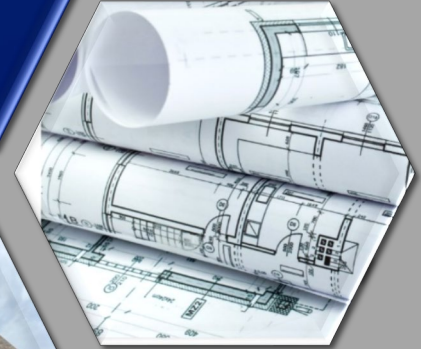
DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS

Permits
and
Licenses



Land
Development

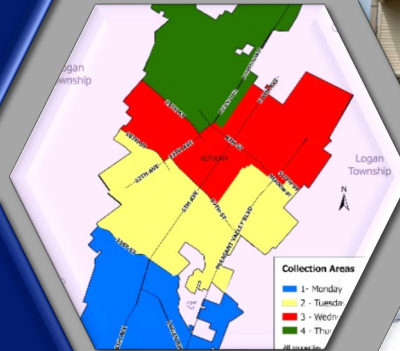
Zoning



Rental
Inspection
Program



Inspections



GIS

Code
Enforcement



INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEWS

City's Building Inspector:

- Reviews residential plans
- Residential and commercial building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, accessibility inspections
- Certificates of Occupancy



**2018 Codes
were
adopted in
February
2022**

Middle Department Inspection Agency:

- Commercial plan reviews

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED

1548

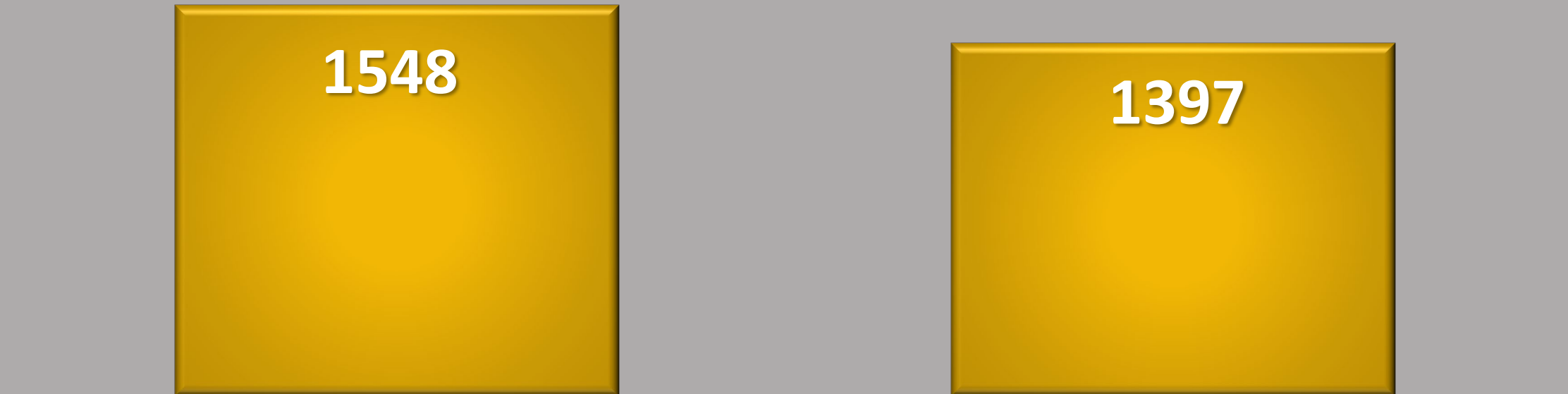
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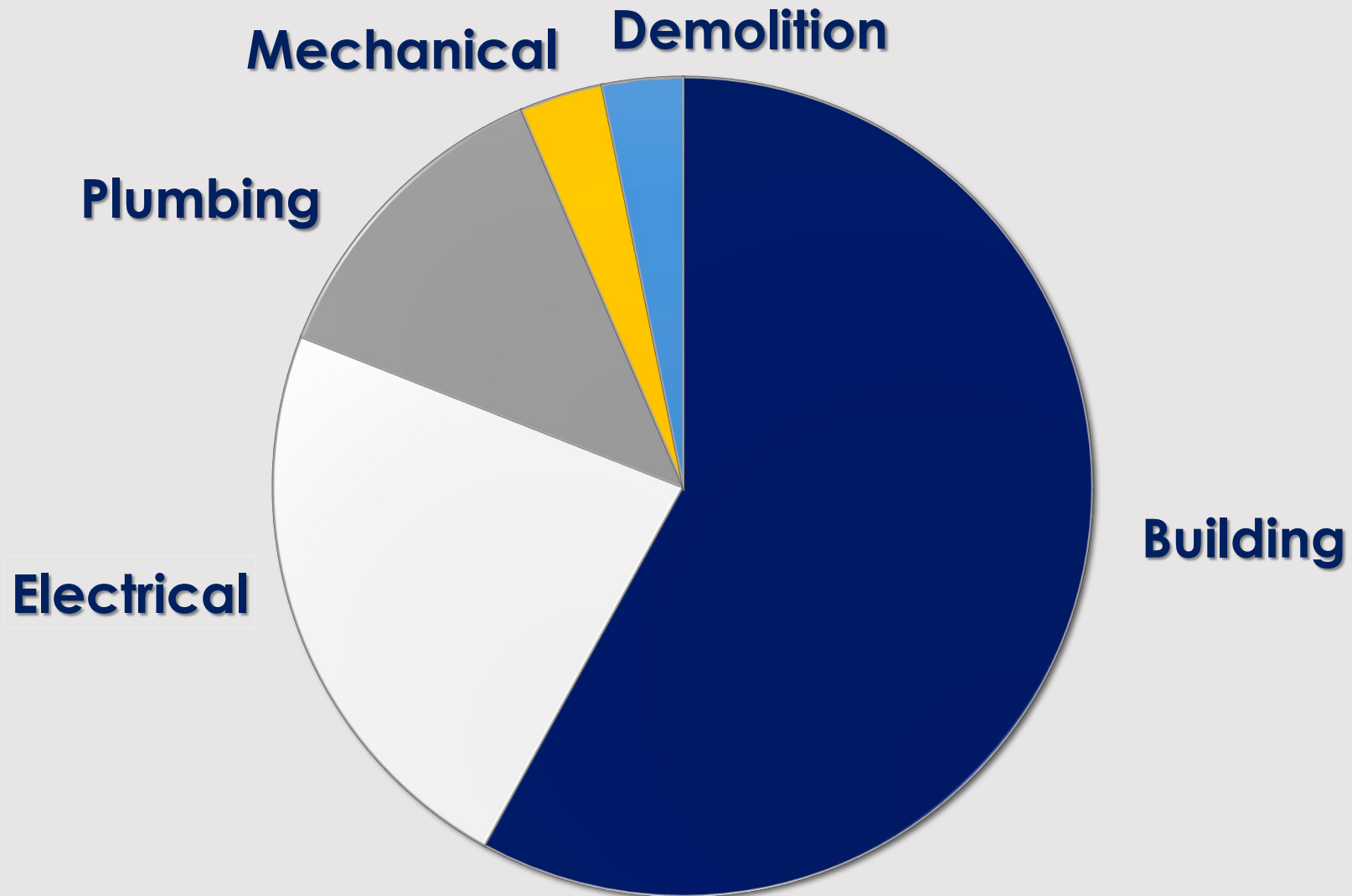
2022

Construction Value
\$23,184,188

Construction Value
\$24,303,171



PERMITS BY TYPE



BUILDING	814
PLUMBING	177
ELECTRICAL	321
MECHANICAL	46
DEMOLITION	44

MAJOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Graystone Casa Bella	\$2,000,000.00
UPMC Altoona CT Unit	\$1,950,000.00
Amazon Warehouse	\$1,503,000.00
Dazzling Realty/Randazzo	\$1,300,000.00
AASD Roof	\$1,000,000.00
Reliance Savings Bank	\$700,000.00

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Graystone – Casa Bella
2523 8th Avenue



NEW CONSTRUCTION

Dazzling Realty/Randazzo
521 N. 4th Avenue



NEW CONSTRUCTION



Reliance Bank
226 W. Plank Road



RENOVATION

**Family Services Shelter
2300 N. Branch Avenue**



RENOVATION



**Mile Level Physical Therapy
1200 11th Street**



RENOVATION



**Firehouse Subs
1002 Logan Blvd**



**Applebee's
317 W. Plank Road**

**Daily Grind
2525 6th Avenue**



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

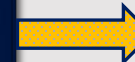


Re-inspection conducted on
date given to comply

Compliance met:
case closed

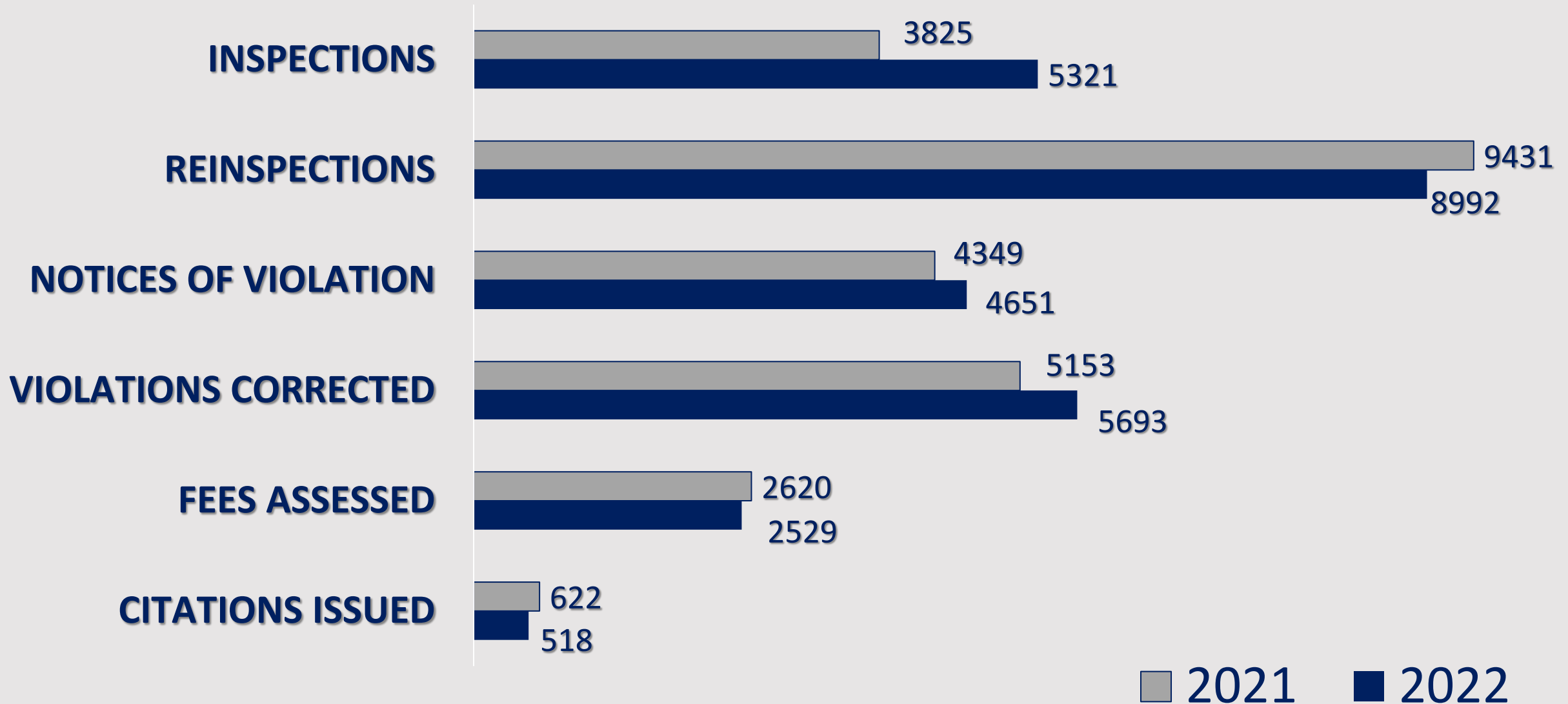


No compliance: re-inspection
fees assessed (\$75.00 every 10
days maximum \$225.00 for 3 re-
inspections)



Begin issuance of Summary
Citations at Magisterial
District Justice

CODE ENFORCEMENT - ACTIVITY

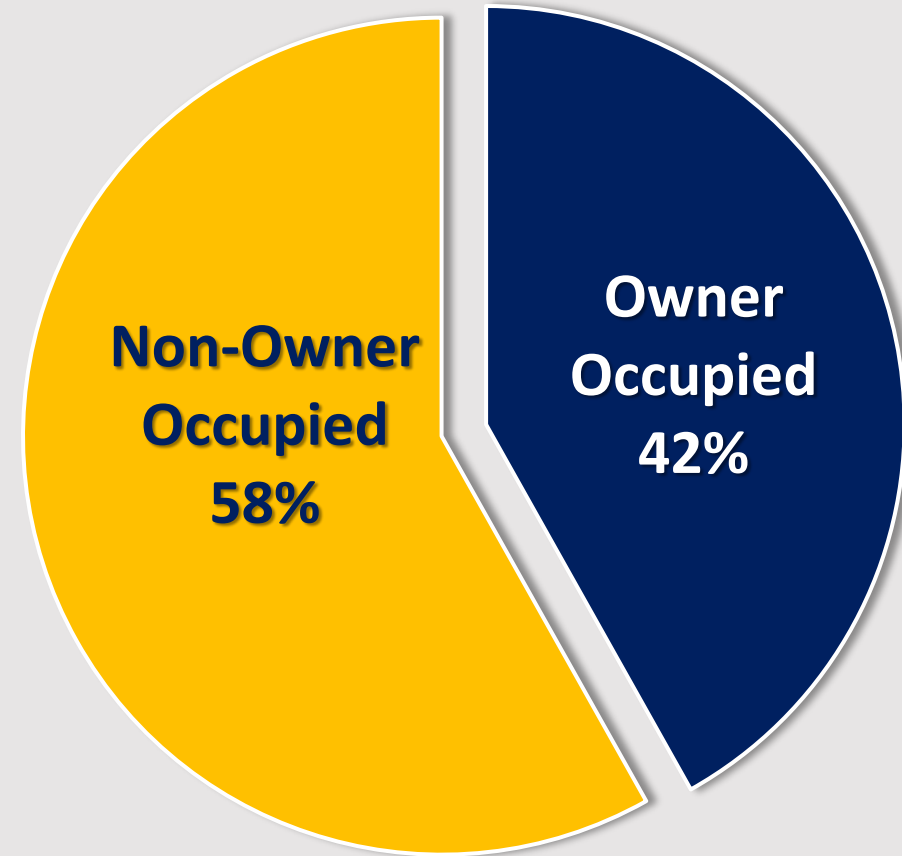


3-4 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DURING 2022

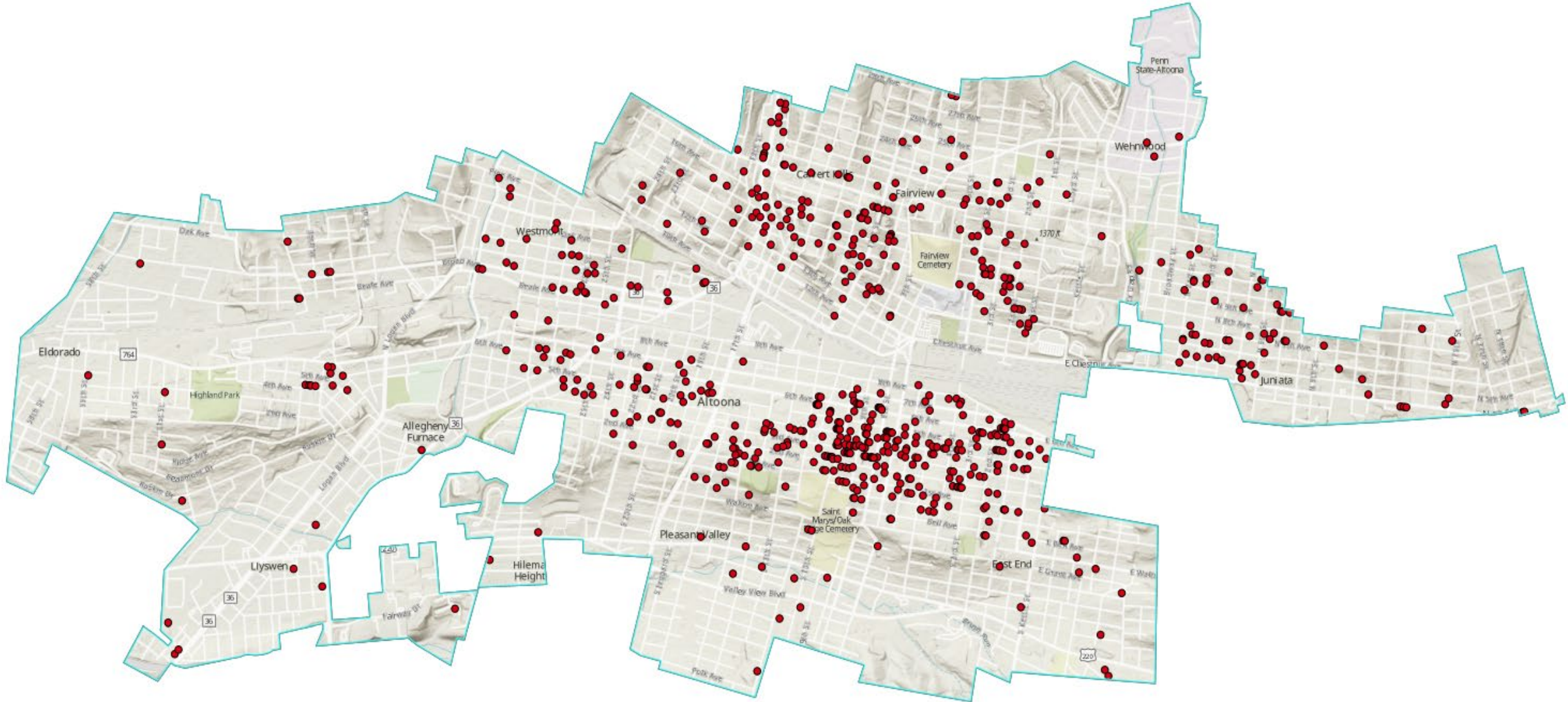
CODE ENFORCEMENT - VIOLATIONS

Garbage	1168
Vegetation/Overgrowth	944
Repairs	623
Unregistered Rentals	281
Demolition Orders	27
Condemnations/Red-Tags	39
Trees	39
Vehicle	94
Vacant Property	230
Misc (Graffiti, Brush, Snow, Sidewalk, etc)	169

3614 TOTAL VIOLATIONS



AREAS OF ACTIVE VIOLATIONS



SUMMARY CITATIONS AND HEARINGS

- 650 hearings in 2022
- Code Court first Thursday of each month
- 2 or more guilty proceed to misdemeanor charges
- Over 400 active summary citations for noncompliance
- Dan Stants, Solicitor

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

MOW AND LIEN

- Established in 2015
- 102 mows in 2022
- Vacant, unoccupied and abandoned



HAUL AND LIEN

- Unresponsive owner
- 24 hauls in 2022
- Liens filed for service



BLIGHTED PROPERTIES - DEMOLITION

20 PROPERTIES SUBMITTED – 14 DEMOLISHED



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

3584 Total Rental Properties

7384 Total Rental Units

1227 RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

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



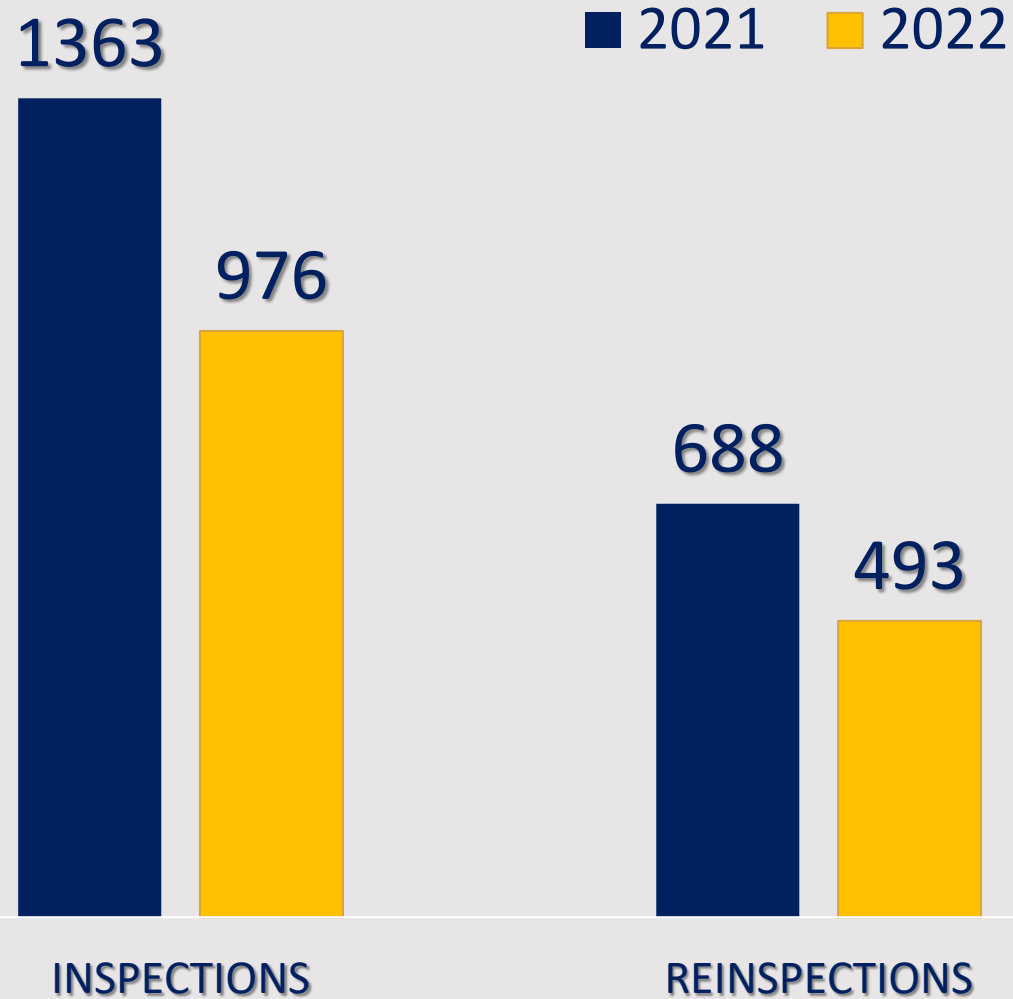
RENTAL PROPERTY BREAKDOWN

2569 1-unit
656 2-unit/duplex
137 3-unit
222 4-unit or more

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS - LOCATION



RENTAL INSPECTIONS AND VIOLATIONS



Accumulations	64
CO2 Detectors	165
Ceiling	46
Door	41
Electrical	116
Plumbing	143
Smoke Detectors	231
Exterior	152
Misc	66

LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

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

BOARDS

PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD

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

- **28 applications in 2022**
- **Licensing and one-time permits**

CODE APPEALS BOARD

2022 MEMBERS: Dave Albright, Brian Durbin, Larry Field, Dave Hess, Chuck Meyers and Carroll White

- **4 applications in 2022**
- **Appeals to the City's Codes and Ordinances**

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 Members: Randal Isenberg, James Dixon, 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

6 Land Developments

15 Subdivisions

2022

Graystone Casa Bella	2620 8 th Avenue
O'Reilly Automotive Stores Inc	1402 1 st Street
Altoona Area School District	1224 6 th Avenue
Reliance Savings Bank	226 W. Plank Road
Professional Housing Solutions	1510-12 13 th Avenue
A Better Address LLC	1801 6 th Avenue

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 2022

47 Notices of Violation

6 Civil Action Filed

ZONING

Zoning Hearing Board

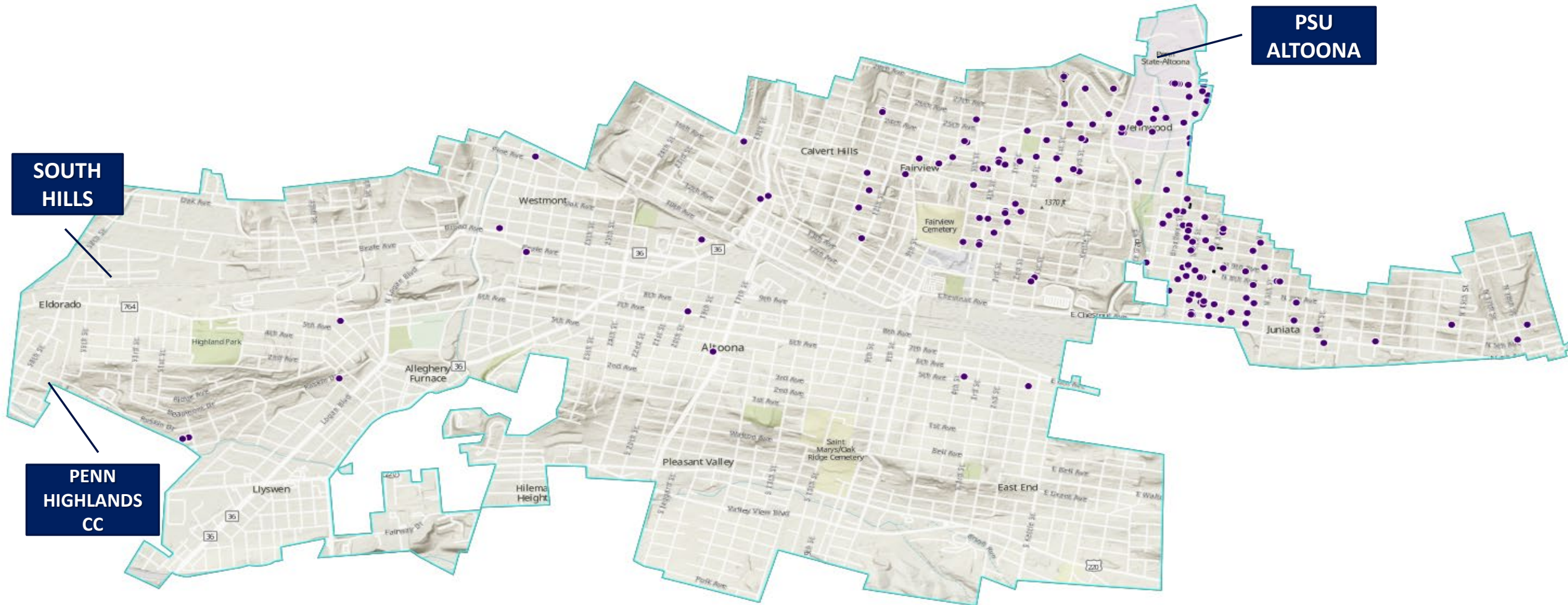
Members: Horace McAnuff, Ted Beam, Cory Gehret, Matt Gindlesperger, Mariska Eash, Solicitor William Stokan

27 APPEALS in 2022
21 Approvals
6 Denials



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
- ✓ Coordinate City-Wide Cleanup
- ✓ Continuing coordination and cooperation with other City departments

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