



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS & ENFORCEMENT (DPIE) FY 2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget & Policy Analysis
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Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE)

DAWIT ABRAHAM: Director



Mission

- **Promotes economic development and redevelopment in Prince George's County and protects the health and safety of County residents, businesses and visitors through highly integrated and efficient permitting, inspection and licensing services that ensure compliance with established building codes and property standards**

Core Services

Perform technical review of building permit plans and site road development permits for new construction and associated land development for residential, commercial, industrial buildings, utility construction, floodplain studies, water and sewer category amendments and right of way conveyance

Perform inspection and enforce building, site development, road codes and regulations pertaining to buildings, zoning, site work and environmental standards

Provide inspection services on approved/issued construction permits

Perform inspections and enforce housing and property maintenance codes, anti-litter and weed ordinances and zoning ordinances

Provide general customer service to address quality of life issues

Assist small businesses in navigating the County permitting and licensing systems

**Transfer of
DPIE's
Enforcement
Division to
Office of
Homeland
Security**

In FY 2027, the following major change to the organizational structure is being proposed that affects DPIE:

The Agency's Enforcement Division is being transferred to the County's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) in FY 2026.

This transfer represents one of the most substantial organizational changes and will materially impact staffing, budget allocations, and program operations.

Extensive coordination with OHS on code enforcement and countywide compliance activities will need to take place.

This change will give DPIE the capacity to focus on permitting, inspections, and development-related services.

Long-term budget planning and staffing structure will be a part of this change.

Strategic Focus FY 2027

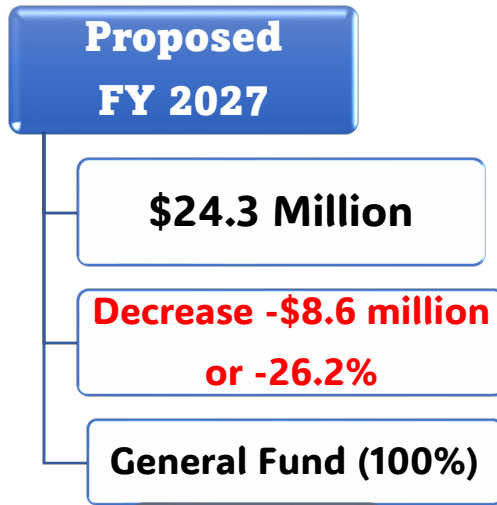
Reduce the time duration between a permit application and its issuance

Continue to support the County Executive's Beautification Initiatives

Promote healthy communities and quality of life for County residents, businesses, and visitors by inspecting new and established residential and commercial properties for compliance with County codes and regulations

Continue to train and develop staff in new technologies, updated codes and customer service skills

FY 2027 Budget Summary

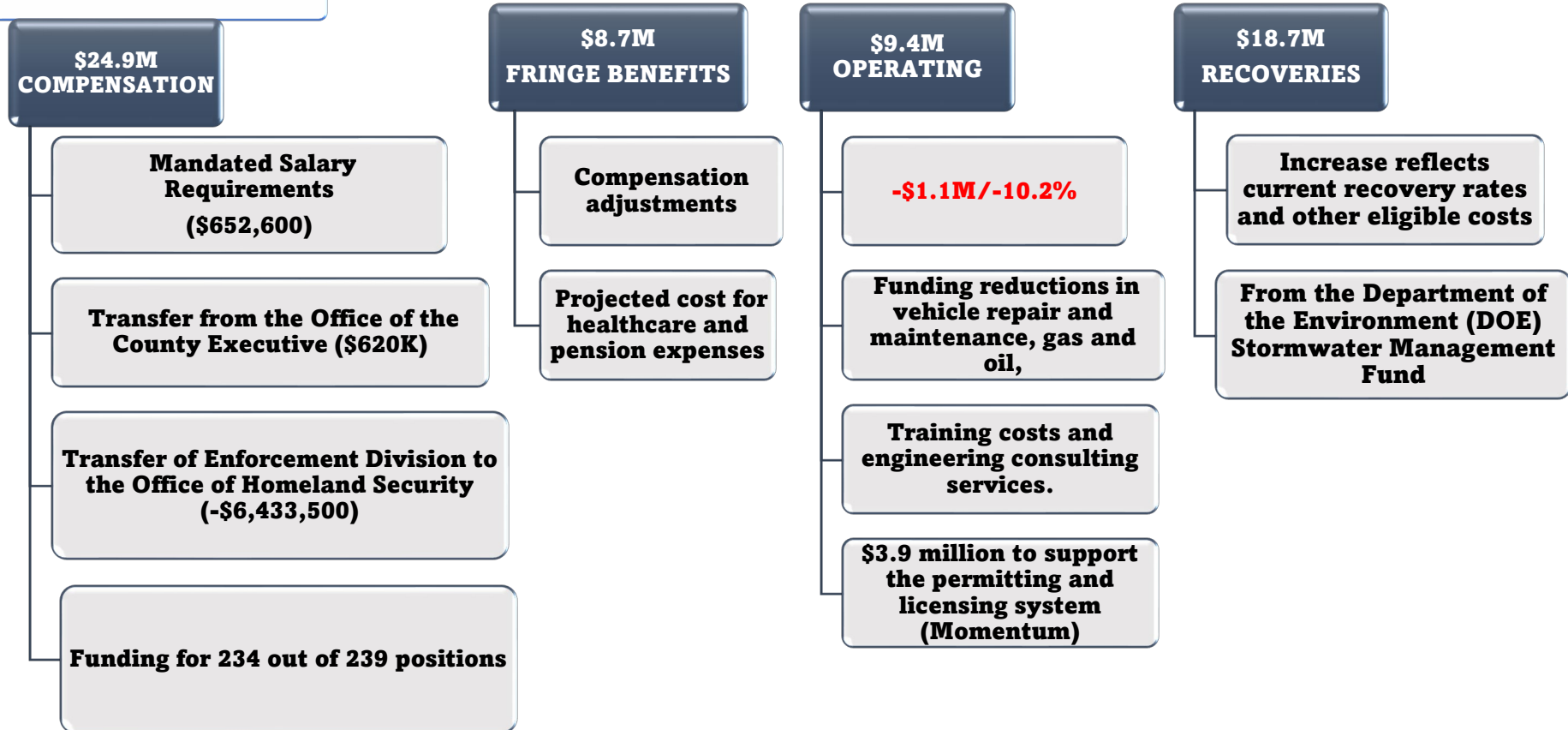


Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$29,213,594	\$30,059,600	\$31,551,800	\$24,898,700	\$(5,160,900)	-17.2%
Fringe Benefits	9,986,510	10,520,200	10,913,300	8,710,700	(1,809,500)	-17.2%
Operating	11,707,516	10,497,400	11,007,000	9,430,000	(1,067,400)	-10.2%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$50,907,620	\$51,077,200	\$53,472,100	\$43,039,400	\$(8,037,800)	-15.7%
Recoveries	(15,950,420)	(18,111,300)	(19,157,100)	(18,726,000)	(614,700)	3.4%
Total	\$34,957,200	\$32,965,900	\$34,315,000	\$24,313,400	\$(8,652,500)	-26.2%

**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST
FY 2026**

\$1.05 Million

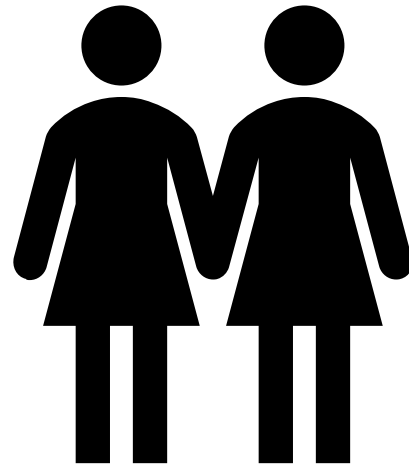
Attrition, overtime, temporary services, and operational contracts



STAFFING

FULL TIME CIVILIAN

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Authorized Positions	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27
General Fund				
Full Time - Civilian	319	321	239	(82)
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	319	321	239	(82)
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0

VACANCY

As of March 2026, 301 out of 321 General Fund authorized positions were filled

As of March 2026, 19 full-time vacancies are funded with 1 unfunded vacancy

DPIE has been backfilling vacant positions in FY 2026

DPIE's inspections, and enforcement Operations will be impacted

EQUIPMENT & IT



FY 2027 IT COST: 3.44 million

IT INITIATIVES (Based upon current executed contracts)						
Project Name	Summary of Project Purpose and Benefits	Year Initiated	Estimated Completion Date	Total Project Cost	Amount of funding spent to date	Proposed FY 2027 Funding Amount
ePlan (Plan Review tool)	DPIE core system for plan review. Hosting, configuration, and upgrade to the latest version, which includes easier navigation for the public.	FY22	FY28	\$1,522,350	\$987,524	\$344,500
Infor	DPIE core system	FY20	FY28	\$5,344,272	\$4,075,717	\$708,000
Limbic	DPIE core system implementor, helpdesk support, PMs, BAs, upgrades, continuous regulatory changes, integrated with county systems, replaced antiquated core system with a multi-year project, continuous improvement, and continued regulatory implementations.	FY19	FY29	\$12,420,000	\$5,546,153	\$2,388,000



FY 2027 Equipment COST: TBD

Number of Vehicles Eligible for Replacement						
	FY 2026		FY 2027			
	FY 2026 Number	% of Total Fleet	• Actual Number YTD*	% of Total Fleet	Projected Number	% of Total Fleet
TOTAL Vehicles eligible for replacement	6	3.55%	169	100.00%	10	5.59%
TOTAL Vehicle inventory	169	100.00%	169	100.00%	179	100.00%

*Actual as of: April 16, 2026



FY 2027 Eligible for Replacement
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Highlights

Department will implement the Permanent Rent Stabilization Act later in FY 2026. Staff, consultant & resources are being put in place to regulate the mandate (CB-055-2024)

Oversaw the daily operation of the permanent rent stabilization program

Completed 580 reviews per month under the building plan review division

Granted over a dozen code modifications to allow construction projects to achieve alternative compliance while meeting the intent and spirit of the code

Supported multiple State agencies in providing data to represent Prince George's County permit demographics

Challenges

Maintaining the expected level of operational efficiencies in responding to permitting and construction complaints

Unfunded initiatives at the State and local levels

Maintaining staffing levels and lowering attrition rates

Responding to immediate community concerns and critical issues that center around multifamily concerns and building concerns

Questions for Consideration

Will the Agency be able to maintain the expected level of operational efficiency with reductions in temporary staffing and seven (7) positions unfunded for tasks that include permitting, licensing, and responses construction complaints.

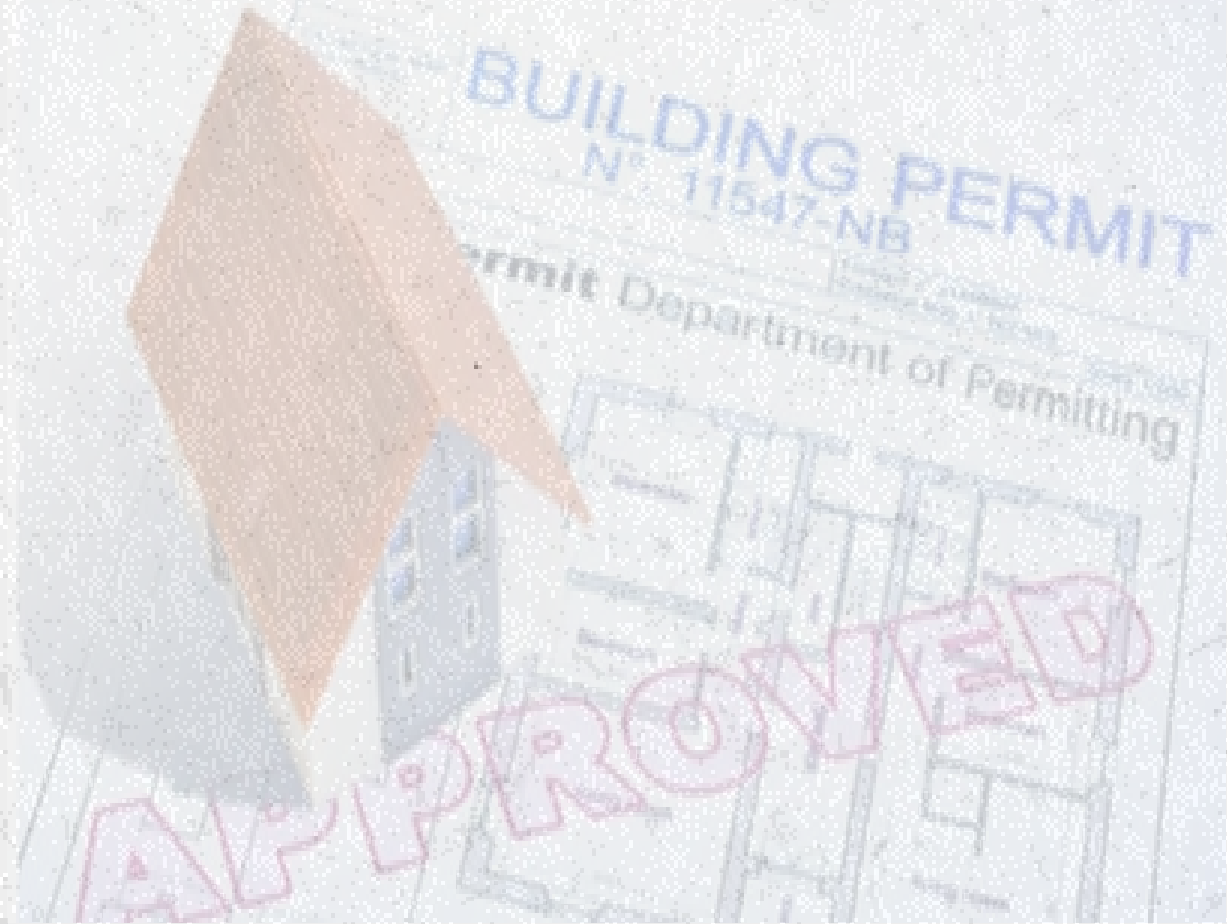
Given DPIE has issued over \$1 Million in violations (YTD March 2026) that have still not been paid, to what extent will the Agency collaborate with the Office of Finance and the Office of Procurement to collect these funds?

The Department still has high chronic attrition rates (about 19% as of March 2026). What changes within the Agency and by OHRM can be made to retain more of the staff, especially personnel with less than five years of tenure?

Will the anticipated enhancement of the Momentum System allow Council to receive specific data quickly and accurately from the Department?

Can the Council expect the Agency to be more focused on permitting, inspections, and development-related services once the transfer of the Enforcement Division has been completed?

When will the Council expect to see any Reorganizational Executive Order/Bill allowing for the transfer of the Enforcement Division to OHS?



THANK YOU

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