

## PRINCE GEORGE'S | SOUNCIL

# Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) FY 2026 Budget Overview

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# Agenda

Department Overview Strategic Focus **Budget Summary** Staffing Equipment & IT Highlights Challenges

Questions for Consideration

#### 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

## Strategic Focus FY 2026

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 Create and staff the new rent stabilization unit

## FY 2026 Budget Summary



\$32.3 Million

Decrease -\$45,300

or -0.1%

**General Fund (100%)** 

#### **Expenditures by Category - General Fund**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	Change FY25-FY26		
Category	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Proposed	Amount (\$)	Percent (%)	
Compensation	\$27,143,063	\$27,828,700	\$30,037,300	\$29,553,000	\$1,724,300	6.2%	
Fringe Benefits	8,936,335	10,057,500	10,332,700	10,346,600	289,100	2.9%	
Operating	11,410,433	12,232,500	12,531,500	10,497,400	(1,735,100)	-14.2%	
Capital Outlay			_	_	_		
SubTotal	\$47,489,831	\$50,118,700	\$52,901,500	\$50,397,000	\$278,300	0.6%	
Recoveries	(18,631,311)	(17,787,700)	(18,375,200)	(18,111,300)	(323,600)	1.8%	
Total	\$28,858,520	\$32,331,000	\$34,526,300	\$32,285,700	\$(45,300)	-0.1%	

\$10.5M

**OPERATING** 

# SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

\$2.2 Million

Merit & COLA adjustments

Not included in the DPIE FY 2025 approved budget \$29.6M
COMPENSATION

Mandated Salary
Requirements
(\$1.2M)

Engineer Classification Study
Implementation (\$311.2K)

2 new investigators to implement
the County's Rent Stabilization
Program
(\$121.3K)

\$10.3M
FRINGE BENEFITS

Compensation adjustments

Lower fringe rate

Based on the projected cost of pension and healthcare expenses

Decreases in supplies, equipment, vehicle repair and maintenance, gas and oil,

Training costs and engineering consulting services.

\$3.5million to support the permitting and licensing system (Momentum) \$18.1M RECOVERIES

Increase recoverable expenditures

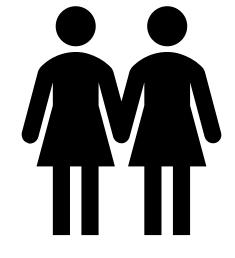
Increase in compensation and other eligible costs

From the Department of the Environment (DOE) Stormwater Management Fund

#### **STAFFING**

ULL TIME CIVILIAN

+2



321

TOTAL				
Full Time - Civilian	319	319	321	2
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	319	319	321	2
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0

#### VACANCY

As of March 2025, 305 out of 319 General Fund authorized positions were filled

As of March 2025, 14 full-time positions were reported as vacant

DPIE is under a hiring freeze for FY 2025

The vacant positions identified above are unfunded

DPIE's inspections, permitting, and enforcement Operations will be impacted



FY 2026 IT COST: \$3.44 Million

	IT INITIATIVES (Based on co	urre nt execute d	contracts)				
Project Name	Summary of Project Purpose and Benefits	Year Initiated	Estimated Completion Date	Total Project Cost	Amt of funding spent to date	Proposed FY 2026 Funding	
Avolve (ePlan upgrade   Plan review toof)	DPIE core system for plan review. Hosting, configuration and upgrade to the latest version, which includes easier navigation for the public.	FY2024	Ongoing in FY 2025	\$ 1,522,350	S 648,870	S 344,400	
Infor	DPIE core system	FY 2020	Ongoing in FY 2025	\$ 5,344,272	\$ 3,196,400	S 708,000	
Limbic*	DPIE core system implementor, helpdesk support, PMs, BAs, upgrades, continuous regulatory changes, integrate with county systems, replaced antiquated core system with multi-year project, continuous improvement, and continued regulatory implementations.	FY2025	FY2029	\$12,420,000	\$ 2,868,000	\$ 2,388,000	

<sup>\* -</sup> Effective for FY 2025 - FY 2029, OIT became Limbic's contract administrator. Therefore, the above project costs and the amount of funding spent to date is only reflective for DPIE costs.

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1	GPS Installation (108 Vehicles   156 Vehicles)	S 11,438	s	15,000	s -	Vehicle Tracking System
2	Docking Station	s 23,000	s		s -	Mobile Printers for Inspectors
3	Maintenance Charges	S 484,550	s	15,000	TBD	
Vehic	les Calendar year 2025					Number of Vehicles Eligible
4	4 Mid size SUV		s	221,200.00	s -	Number of vehicles Engine



FY 2026 Eligible for Replacement

39

3	Militerative Clauses	-	101,550		15,000		
Velui	cles Calendar year 2025						
4	4 Mid size SUV			s	221,200.00	S	-
5	1 Fully Size SUV			s	50,000.00	s	-
6	4 Mid Size Pick Up Truck Hybrid			s	221,200.00	s	-
	Total	s	518,987.50	s	522,400.00	S -	-



FY 2026 Equipment COST:

**TBD** 

Number of Vehicles Eligible for Replacement								
		FY 2025		FY 2026				
		FY 2025 Number	% of Total Fleet	Actual Number YTD*	% of Total Fleet	Projecte d Number	% of Total Fleet	
	TOTAL Vehicles eligible for replacement	39	23.08%	39	23.08%	39	21.91%	
	TOTAL Vehicle inventory	169	100.00%	169	100.00%	178	100.00%	
	*Actual as of March 7,	2025						

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)

Momentum enhancements provides more precise data so the Department can make better decisions that yield desired outcomes

Classification upgrades for Engineers and Engineer Technicians should result in additional hiring and retention of these positions

Department has provided timely issuance of business and health licenses & permits within one day of application at a rate of 80%

Overtime expenses have stabilized



Department revenues continue to increase

# Challenges

Regulation and enforcement of Clean Lots without funding Enforcement
of unfunded
(legislative)
mandates
such as
tobacco shop
regulation

Maintaining staffing levels and lowering attrition rates

Low collection rates of unpermitted construction, property standards, and clean lot violations inhibits property owners to adhere to County regulations and standards

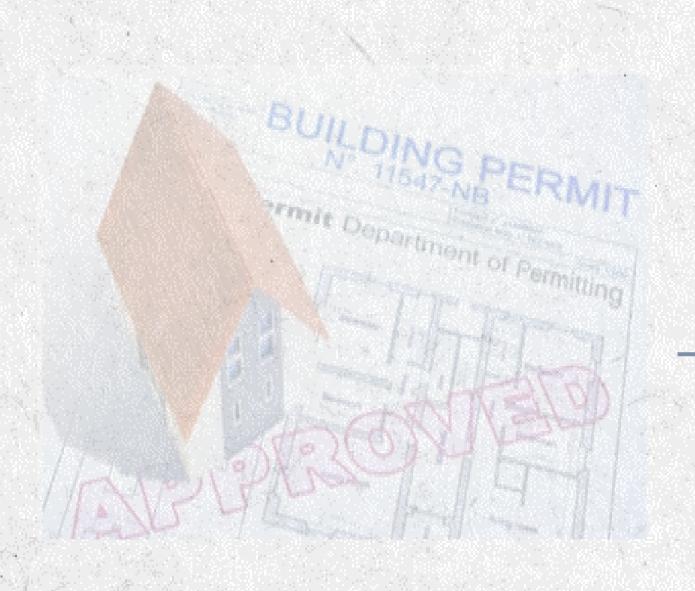
Short-term rental enforcement and compliance



How will DPIE and/or the County enforce properties that are a public safety hazard or a chronic nuisance without funding for the Clean Lot Program?

With Departmental staff vacancies and challenges to enforce its current regulatory responsibilities, how will DPIE be able to implement new legislative mandates, particularly if they are unfunded?

Will the Department be able to fully assist small businesses and residents in navigating the permitting process?



# THANK YOU

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