

# Planning & Economic Development Department Budget FY27

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## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Londonderry Planning & Economic Development Department is to manage growth and redevelopment that strengthens the community, protects its natural and historic assets, and supports a diverse and resilient economy. Through collaboration, transparency, and professional planning, the Department works to implement the Town's Master Plan and ensure Londonderry remains a great place to live, work, and invest.

# Department Overview & Functions

## Development Review

\$70M new revenue as result of new development as of April 1, 2025

85 applications reviewed annually by the Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation Commission, and Heritage Commission

Generates approximately \$45,000 annually in land use application revenue over last 5 yrs.

Ensures compliance with Town ordinances, site plan conditions, and State law through coordinated staff review

## Building Permits & Inspections

2,288 average number of building permits issued annually

Generates approximately \$760,000 in permit revenue over last 5 yrs.

## Code Enforcement

Enforces the Building Code, Zoning Ordinance, approved Site Plans, and Health Code

Responds to citizen complaints, conducts inspections, and coordinates enforcement with municipal departments and State agencies

# Department Overview & Functions

## GIS Management

Manages and operates the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS)

Provides mapping, data analytics, and visualization tools for all Town departments, development projects, and the public via the online GIS viewer

## Master Planning & Program Development

Leads the Comprehensive Master Plan Update

Oversees the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and project prioritization for infrastructure investment

Coordinates with NHDOT & SNHPC on regional and multi-modal transportation planning

## Boards, Committees & Partnerships

### Staffs supports: 6 Boards

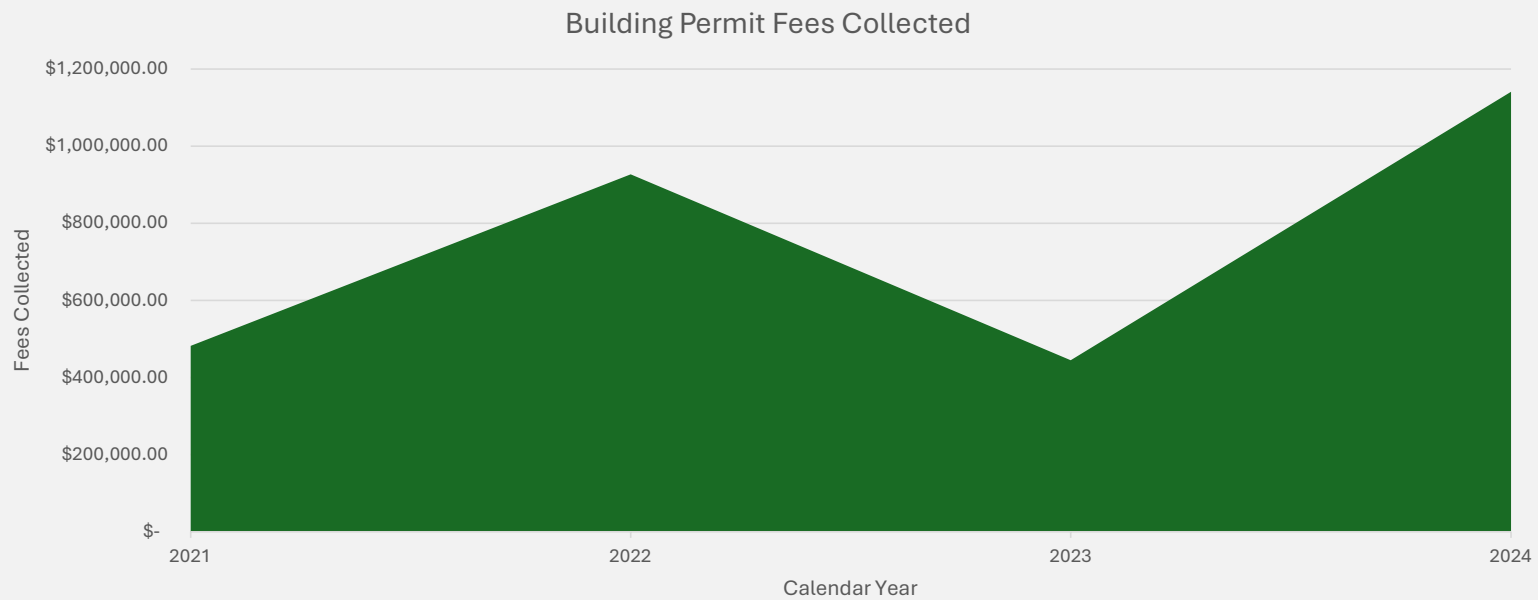
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Conservation Commission
- Heritage Commission
- Capital Improvements Committee
- Master Plan Steering Committee

### Coordinates with: 5 Committees

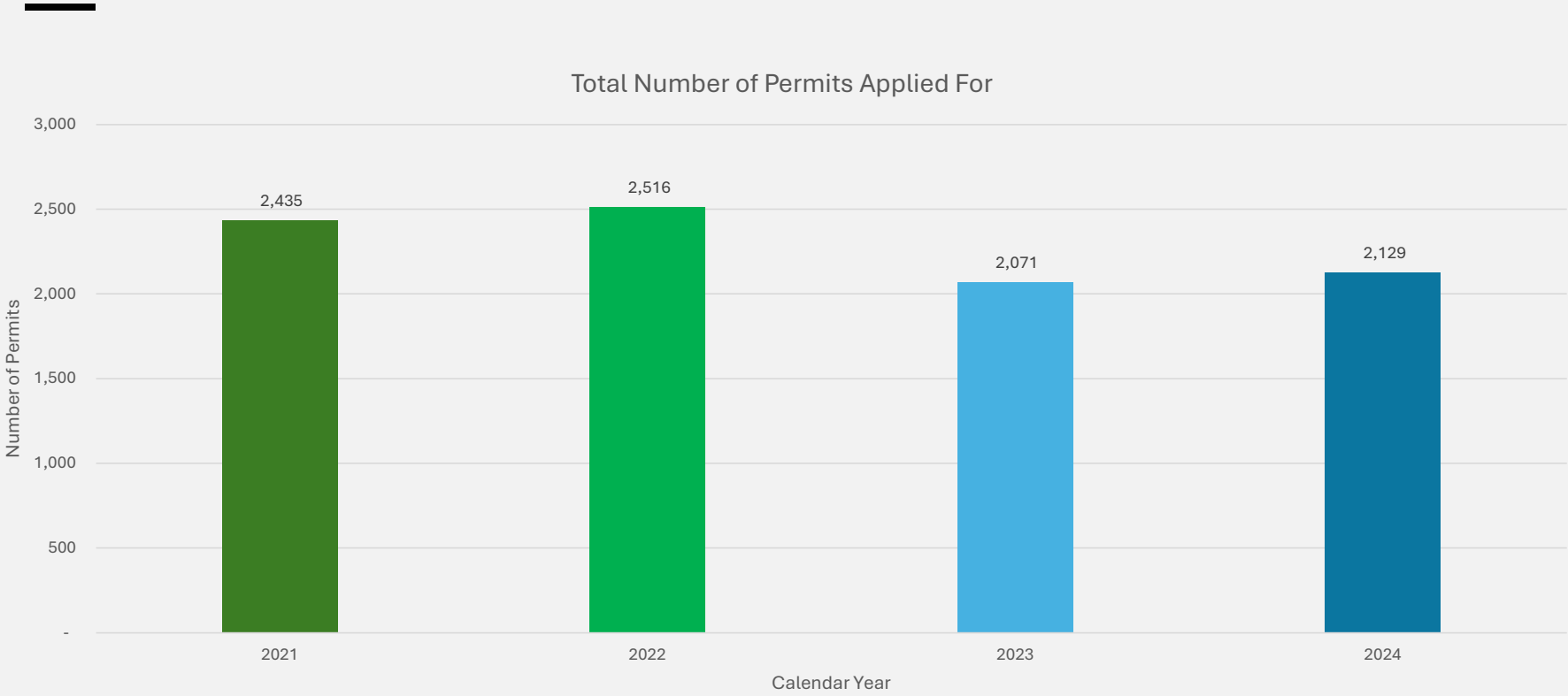
- Traffic Safety Committee
- Municipal Records Committee
- Pettengill Road TIF Advisory Board
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- Southern NH Planning Commission

# Building Permit Fees

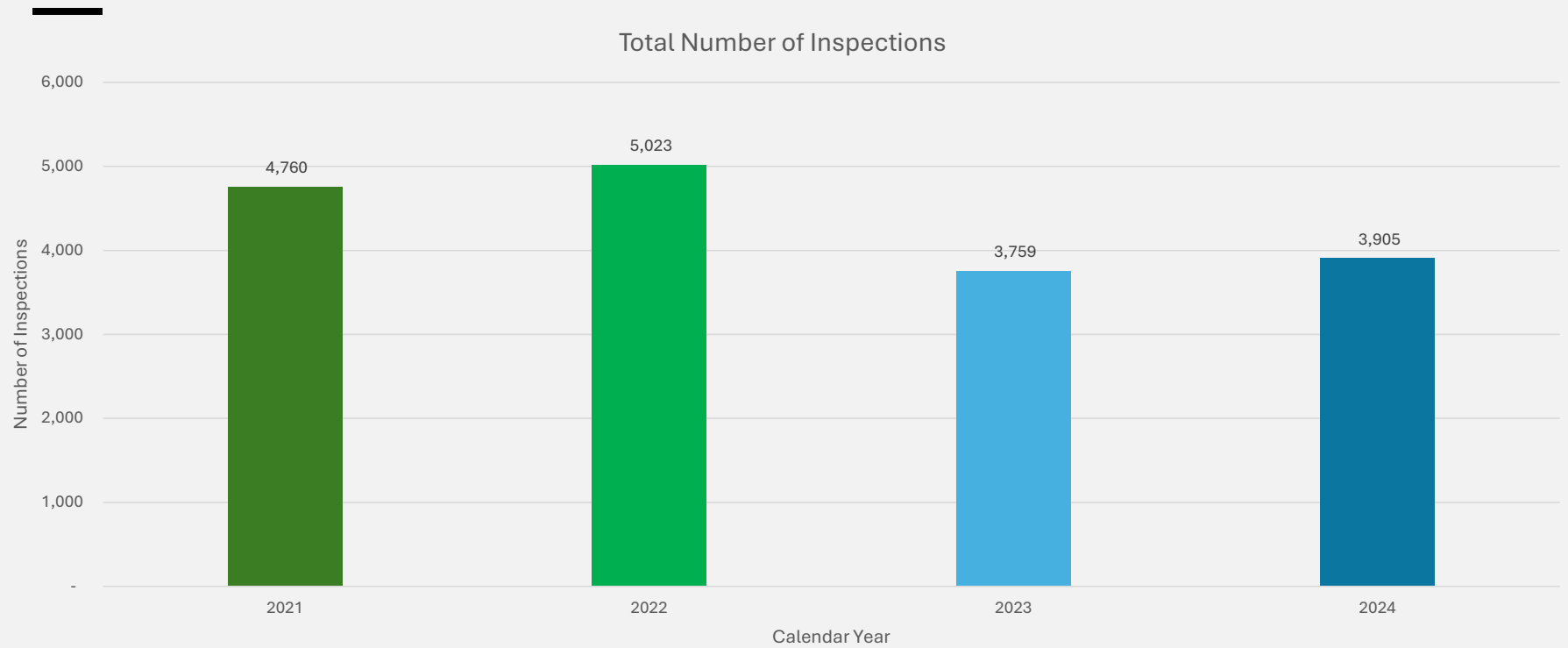
**CY 2025 Building Permit Fees to October 20<sup>th</sup> = \$1,040,424**



# Building Permits



# Inspections



# Department Highlights & Next Steps

## Budget Relevance

Revenue-Generating Department: \$800,000 annually, offsetting general fund costs.

Community Investment Driver: \$70M new revenue as result of new development as of 4/1/25

Efficiency & Modernization: Transition to OpenGov permitting software and digital workflows enhances transparency, efficiency, and interdepartmental collaboration.

Staffing Capacity: Increased project volume and regulatory complexity underscore the need for sustained training and technology investment to maintain service levels.

## Accomplishments

Building Permit and Land Use Fee Update

Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance Rewrite

Overlay District Analysis and Removal to simplify zoning and improve predictability

Adopted Commercial Industrial Tax Exemption Program (CITE)

Established Pettengill Road Tax Increment Finance District (TIF)

Launch of the first Master Plan Update in over a decade – on track for completion February 2026

## Next Steps

Continue Department Modernization through technology and process improvement

Streamlined digital workflows for transparency, efficiency, and customer service through Lean practices

Ongoing staff training and cross-department coordination to support modernization efforts

Full implementation of OpenGov permitting and licensing software