

# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT



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**Oak Harbor**  
WHIDBEY ISLAND, WASHINGTON

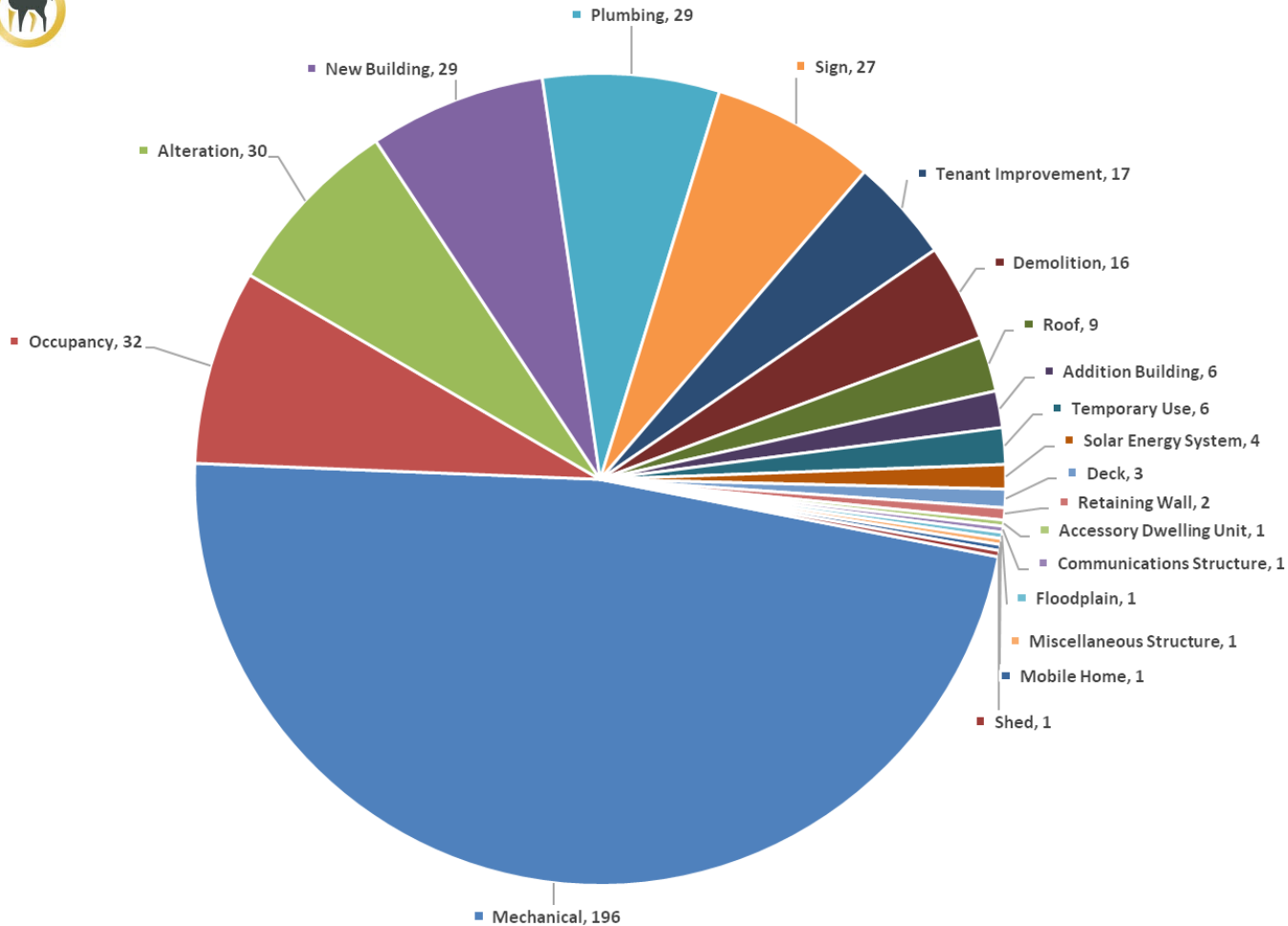
City Council Workshop

3/27/2024

# 2023 RECAP

Development  
Services



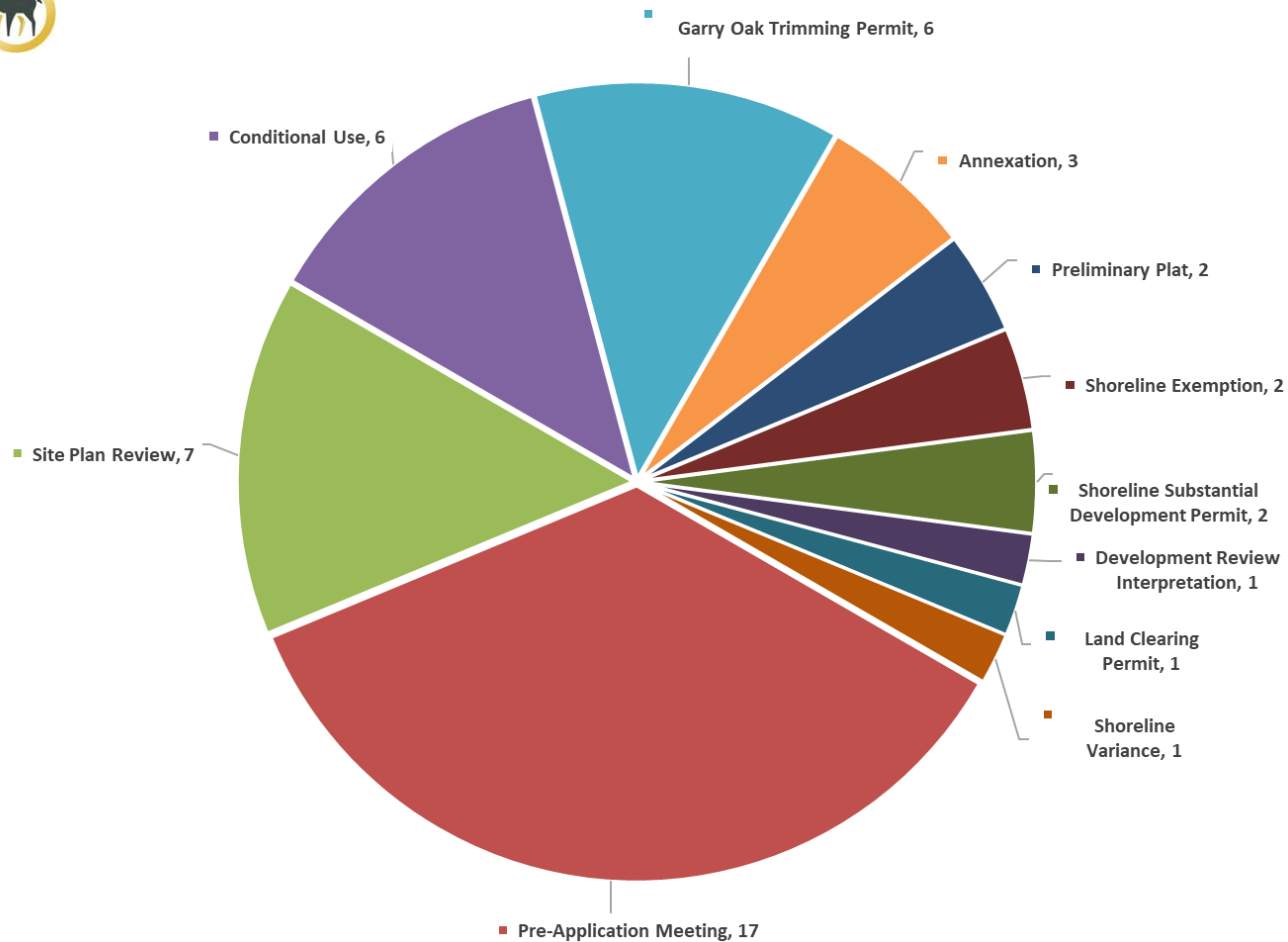


# 2023 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

**Total Permits:**  
**412**

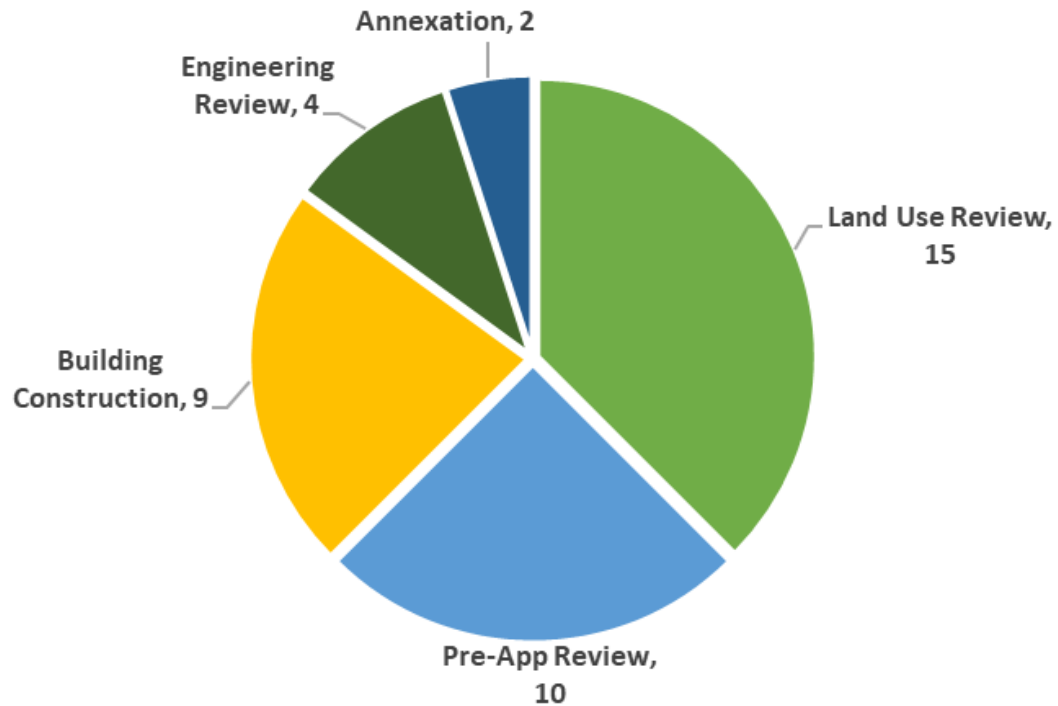
**Total Fees:**  
**\$440,233.88**





## 2023 LAND USE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Total: 49



## CURRENT DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

- ✓ **Resolution No. 23-02:** The 2023 Comprehensive Plan Docket
- ✓ **Ordinance No. 1969:** amending OHMC Chapter 19.20, Articles XVIII and XVI, regarding standards for the OS (Open Space) zone district.”
- ✓ **Ordinance No. 1970:** amending OHMC Section 20.04.100 - Thresholds for categorical exemptions.
- ✓ **Ordinance No. 1976:** amending OHMC Sections 17.05.030 and 17.05.060 relating to “Plan Check Fees and Building Permit Expiration.”



2023

Completed  
Legislative  
Actions

# SITE PHOTOS

Development  
Services





**CITY OWNED  
PROPERTY ON  
BAYSHORE**







# SERENDIPITY LANE PROGRESS





# HILLSIDE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT





# MARIN WOODS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT





## MARIN WOODS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

# 2024 AND BEYOND PLANNED PROJECTS

Development  
Services



- ✓ **Serendipity lane**
- ✓ **Central Development Area (CDA)**
- ✓ **Multi-family tax exemption (MFTE)**
- ✓ **Dahlin Group design of buildings downtown**
- ✓ **Market feasibility downtown and CDA through Center for Creative Recycling**



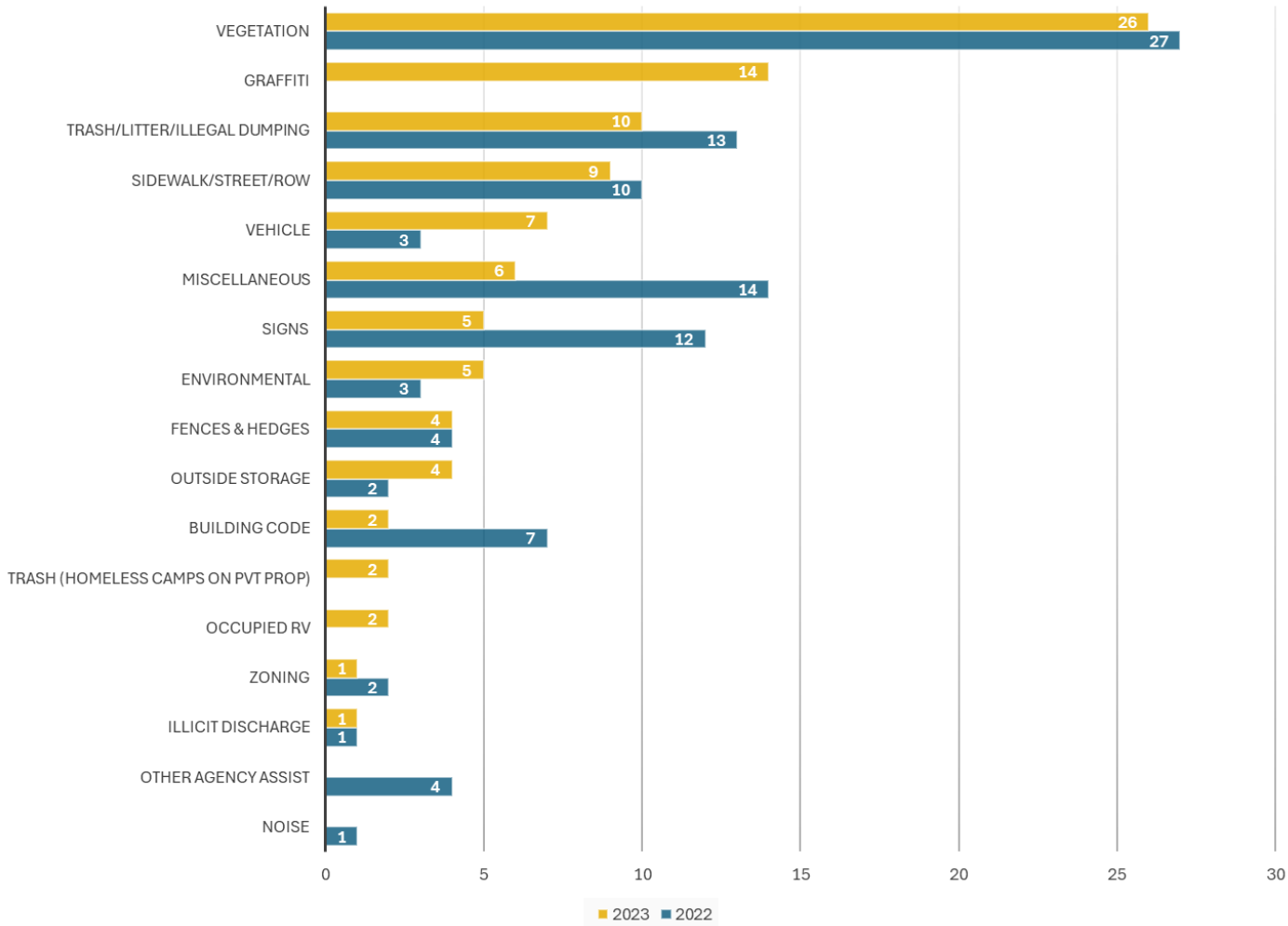
**2023**

**Additional  
Projects**

# CODE COMPLIANCE

Development  
Services





# 2023 CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY

- Open cases from previous year(s): 4
- Complaints taken in 2023: 92
- Case Closure Rate: 97.9%





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development  
Services





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Economic Development now a division of Development Services in February-March of 2024**

## ■ BUSINESS EXPANSION AND RETENTION GOALS

- Meet with 5 of 10 largest firms
- Meet with 105 firms by June 30, 2024
- Implement business climate survey



## GOALS

Effective  
January 2024



# SHORT-TERM RESULTS UP TO MARCH 15

- Business Retention – met with 4 of 5 largest firms
- Contacted 49 businesses in person
- Referred each business to survey
- 11 Surveys returned
- Follow-up contact to complete survey
- Developing data



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Island needs construction trade development
- Contacted high school shop class instructor
- Developing building construction/inspector career path
- Met with Skagit College and Grand Canyon University

# BUSINESS CREATION

- Researching Commercial and Industrial Incentives
- Business Incubators including two business co-working spaces
- Main Street doing business incubator
- Working with EDC on business creation programs
- Researching food truck options

- Update in May

- Questions?



CITY  
COUNCIL

Next Steps