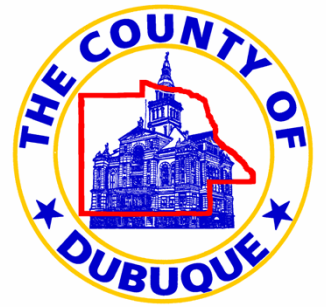



Dubuque County Zoning FY24 Budget Presentation




Mission Statement

- ▶ Provide excellent customer service by assisting county residents effectively, consistently, and courteously with questions and applications regarding land use in the unincorporated areas of the county and solicit public input on pending applications, development plans and ordinance amendments to facilitate planned development in and around the cities, while preserving valuable agricultural land in the county.
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Purpose


- ▶ The purpose of land use regulations in the County is to:
 - Preserve the availability of agricultural land
 - Protect the public's health and general welfare
 - Encourage efficient urban development patterns
 - Efficiently plan for and provide public facilities and infrastructure

 - ▶ The land use ordinances were developed in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 18B, 335, 354 and 355 and are based on the Comprehensive Plan for Dubuque County

 - ▶ Regulations are made with reasonable consideration as to:
 - The character of the area
 - Suitability of an area for a particular use
 - Conserving the value of land and buildings
 - Encouraging the most appropriate uses of land throughout the County
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Zoning Structure

▶ Zoning Board

- Recommending body appointed by Board of Supervisors
 - Responsible for reviewing plats, rezoning applications, and zoning amendments for Supervisor approval
 - Update the Comprehensive Plan and recommend areas for future development in the County
 - Board of Supervisors, as legislative body, has final say on approval of plats, rezoning applications, zoning amendments, and adoption of the comprehensive plan
 - Any appeal of Board of Supervisors decisions must go to district court
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Zoning Structure

▶ Board of Adjustment

- Quasi-judicial Board appointed by Board of Supervisors
 - Responsible for approving Variances and Special Use Permits
 - Hearing appeals to the Zoning Administrator's decisions
 - Authority to approve, modify or deny applications
 - Any appeal of Board of Adjustment decisions must go to district court
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Zoning Activity by Year

Full Calendar Year


	2021	2022
Board of Adjustment Cases	41	42
Zoning Board Cases	30	31
Zoning Certificates	172	170
Plats	63	57
Complaints	14	11
New Addresses	58	55
Minor Erosion Control Permits	56	51
Entrance Permit Applications	55	60
Entrance Permit Variances	0	0

Achievements

▶ 2021 & 2022

- Scanning of Zoning & Board of Adjustment Cases, Building Permits, Official Notices, Agendas and Minutes has been completed and imported into Tyler System
 - Completed Zoning Ordinance Updates for all Districts
 - Developed a New Solar Ordinance
 - Worked with IT to set up home offices to continue office operations during pandemic
 - Training of new staff and continued cross training within the department
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Current Projects ~ 2023

- ▶ Planning and preparing for Cozo Conference to be hosted in Dubuque spring of 2023
 - ▶ Continuing to work on Platting Ordinance with Auditor
 - ▶ Develop New Ordinance for Battery Energy Storage Systems
 - ▶ Working on zoning violations and continued clean-up of properties in violation
 - ▶ Continue to train staff on policy changes and cross training
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■ **QUESTIONS ?**

