

Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 0424 and 0426, Series of 2022

City Council – May 13, 2024

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EHA Background

- Ordinance approved on 6.8.22 and went into effect 7.1.22
- Requires the following compliance depending on project type:
 - Projects with 10+ residential units to provide affordable housing on-site or pay a fee-in-lieu
 - Non-residential projects and residential projects with up to 9 units subject to increased linkage fees

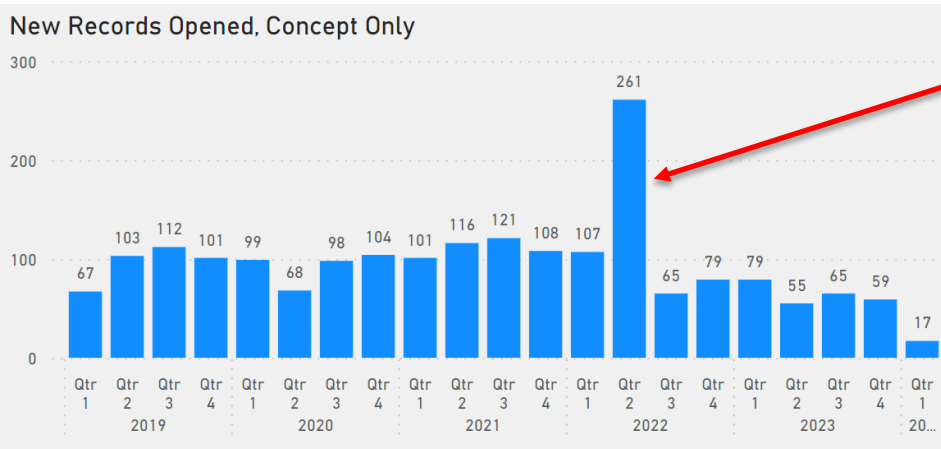
Grace Period Eligibility Dates

- Submitted concept prior to June 30, 2022
- SDP approval by May 17, 2024 or August 31st (if 4th+ review required)
- SDP approval by September 13, 2024 or December 31st (if 4th+ review required) if the project is subject to LDR or Subdivision

Proposed Amendments

- Requires amendments to two ordinances – Ordinance No. 0424, Series of 2022 (zoning ordinance) and Ordinance No. 0426, Series of 2022 (Denver Revised Municipal Code ordinance)
 1. Bill 24-0455
Amends section 4 of Ordinance No. 0426, Series 2022 to extend the deadlines by which an applicant must obtain approval of a site development plan in order to be exempt from the requirements in Ord. 22-0426, changed the final date of report that Community Planning and Development must provide to City Council and added a requirement for applicants to resubmit their site development plans 90 days from the date of consolidated comments.
 2. Bill 24-0456
Amends section 2 of Ordinance No. 0424, series 2022 to extend the deadlines by which an applicant must obtain approval of a site development plan in order to be exempt from the requirements in Ord. 22-0424.

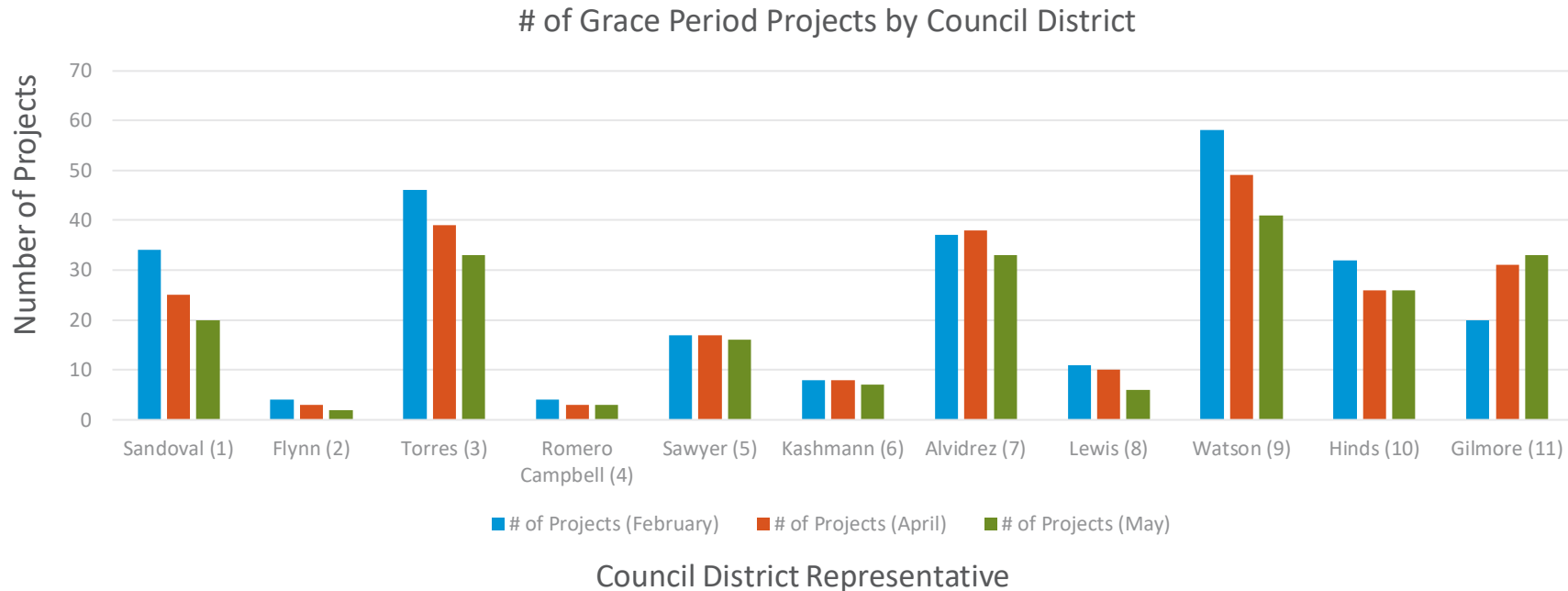
Grace Period Volume



June 30th deadline



Distribution of Remaining Grace Period Projects



Staffing

Filled 11 vacancies in 2023.

Currently have 1 vacant position:

- **Intake-** 3 positions, 2 filled
 - **Associate-** 4 positions
 - **Senior (Project Coordinator)-** 6 positions
 - **Urban Design Architect-** 1 position
 - **Supervisor-** 2 positions
- SDND team also includes staff for these programs: Adaptive Reuse, LDR, and AHRT

Review Timeframes

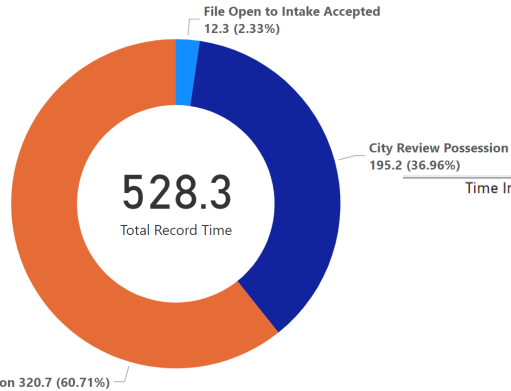
Median Days Late by Month & Year



Time in Process (Active Projects)

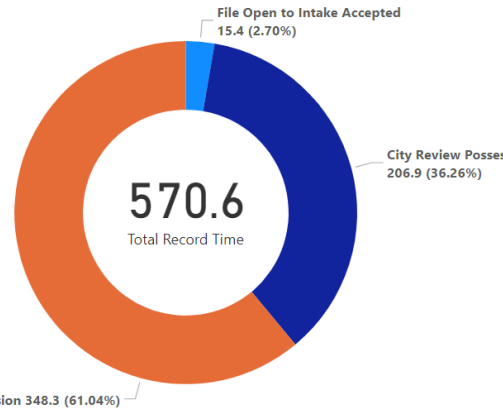
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Time In Process (Days) for Intake, City Possession, and Customer Possession



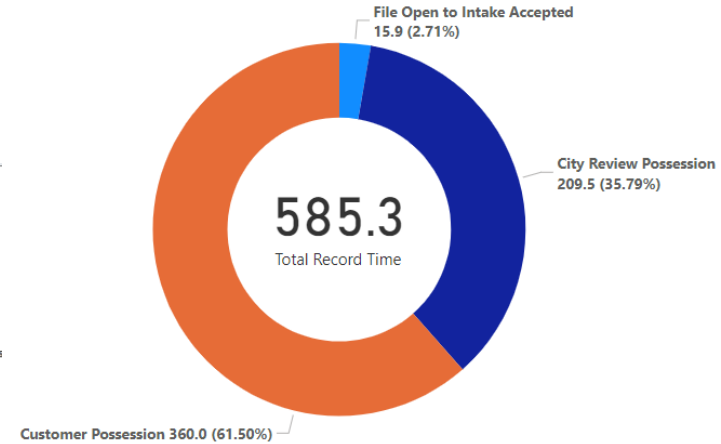
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Time In Process (Days) for Intake, City Possession, and Customer Possession



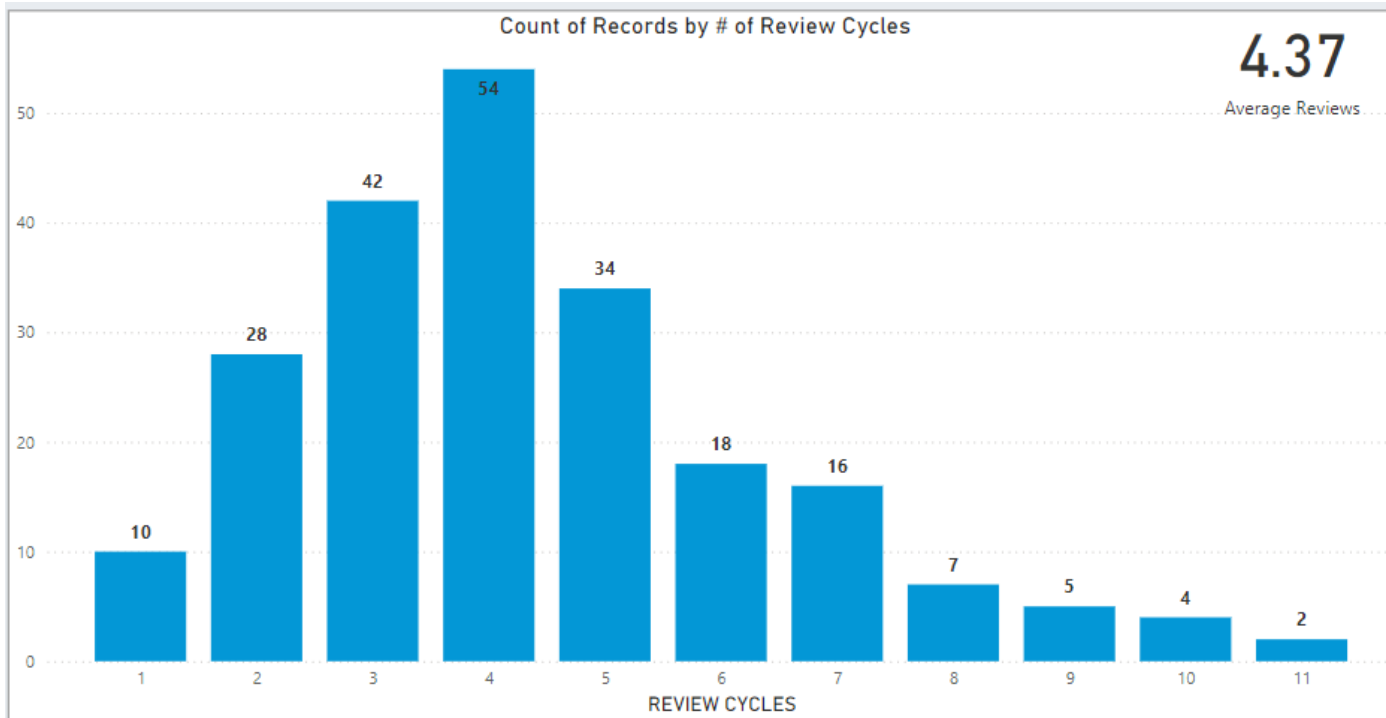
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Time In Process (Days) for Intake, City Possession, and Customer Possession



Status of Grace Period Projects

May snapshot (220 projects)



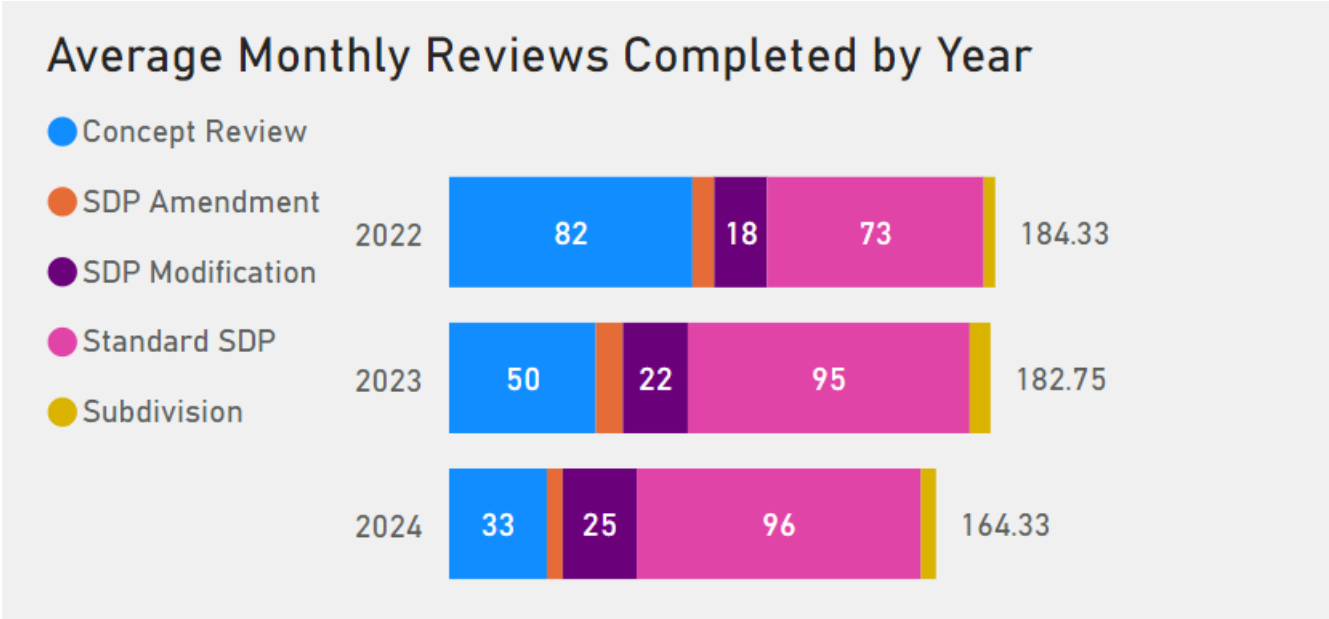
Review Strategies

- Re-balanced workload in summer 2023 by consolidating geographic review areas.
- Monthly “focus” weeks with grace period prioritized reviews
- Administrator coordination on “high review” cycle projects
- Regular outreach emails to active projects

Grace Period Extension

- Single deadline of **April 18, 2025**
 - Typical number of review cycles,
 - Amount of time individual reviews are currently taking,
 - Amount of time projects typically spend in our customers hands
- In order to reduce the overall time projects are not in an active review, the ordinance includes a requirement that all pre-EHA projects receive a notice at 60 days after consolidated comments are sent and projects will be closed at day 90 if no resubmittal is received.

Methodology



Staff Recommendation and Questions

- Staff recommendation – approval of 24-0455 and 24-0456 as presented
- Review criteria for 24-0456
 - Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Uniformity of District Regulations
 - Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- Questions?