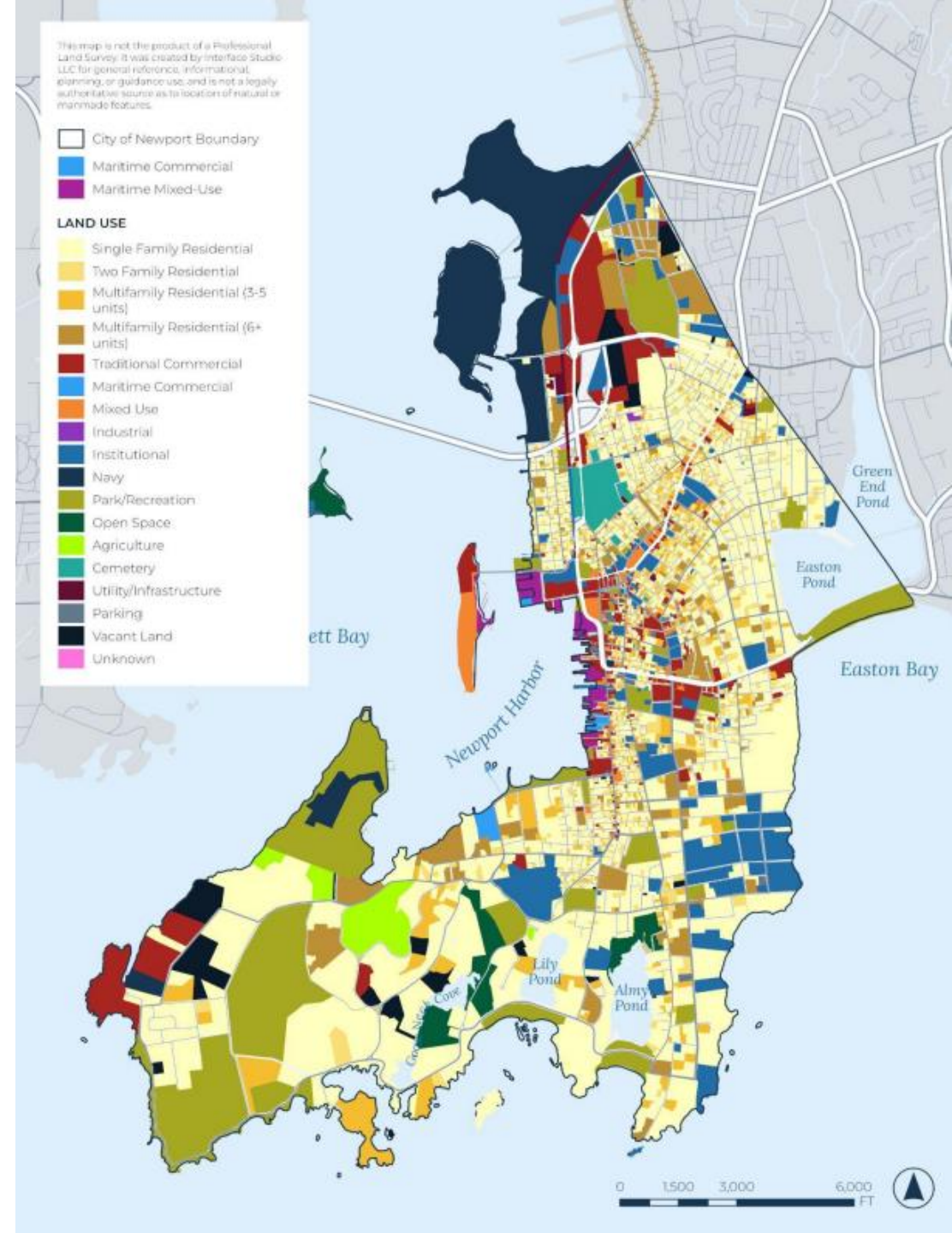




FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

April 9, 2026



Budget Rollups

	2024-25 ACTUAL	2025-26 ADOPTED	2025-26 PROJECTED	2026-27 PROPOSED
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
SALARIES	\$ 817,686	\$ 954,792	\$ 954,792	\$ 1,102,582
FRINGE BENEFITS	280,807	385,734	385,734	435,310
PURCHASED SERVICES	24,310	53,366	47,366	48,366
INTERNAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	8,092	10,250	7,250	8,750
OTHER	10,200	49,632	49,632	48,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	9,550	9,550	9,550	9,550
TOTAL	\$ 1,150,645	\$ 1,463,324	\$ 1,454,324	\$ 1,652,558

Director	1
Planners	3
Assistant Planners	2
Preservation Planner	1
Zoning Officer	1
Deputy Zoning Officer	1
STR Supervisor	1
STR Officer	1
Sr. Account Clerk	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>12</u>

▶ Recent Grant Acquisitions

Certified Local Government (CLG), Navy Hospital, Building and Site Assessment	\$25,000
Safe Streets For All (SS4A)	\$4,000,000+
King Park, RIIB Action Grant	\$2,000,000+

▶ Fees Collected, Short Term Rentals Annual Registration Fee

- ▶ 2025-2026 \$359,500 (to date)
- ▶ 2024-2025 \$269,000 (last year)
- ▶ Fees related to compliance \$ 10,000



CIP

Market Square, Multi modal improvements, to be coordinate with development of the Harbor Walk
 Dynamic Signage, Parking improvements, in process
 Lead Improvements, continue with lead guidance work
Keep Newport Moving, Implementation, potentially coordinated with SS4A Grant.



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Department is responsible for the City's three regulatory Board and Commissions

2025	Planning Board	Zoning Board of Review	Historic District Commission
Number of Applications	25	115	210
Application Timeline	Complete Applications are reviewed at the first available meeting	Complete Applications are reviewed at the first available meeting	Complete Applications are reviewed at the first available meeting
Notes	Now includes Unified Development Reviews.		98.6% Total Closure, 4 denials

Achievements



Lead Paint Adaptation and Remediation Strategies for Historic Windows

2025

Research and Graphical Support to Newport's Window and Door Replacement Guidelines

Prepared for the Newport Restoration Foundation and City of Newport Historic District Commission



The Historic District Commission, in collaboration with the Newport Restoration Foundation, utilized a Certified Local Government grant to explore lead hazard remediation strategies for historic windows. The “Lead Paint Adaptation and Remediation Strategies for Historic Windows Manual and User Guide” includes research and graphical support for homeowners, lead inspectors, and tradespeople on how to identify and manage lead hazards in a way that complies with State law and Local Historic District standards.

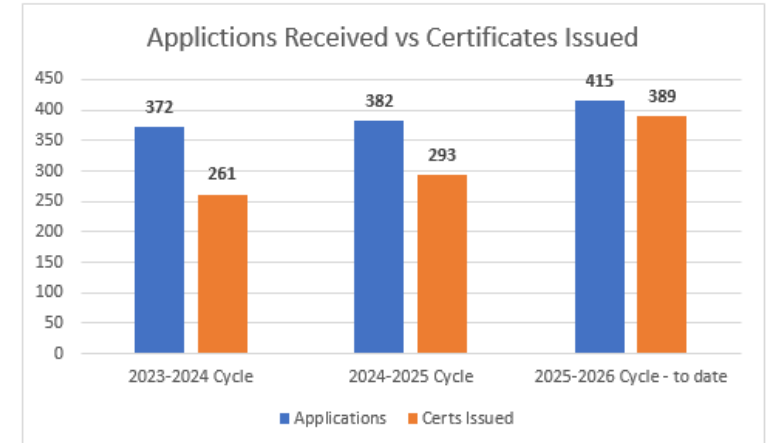
Historic Preservation

STRs

The Short-Term rental licensing software has made the registration and renewal processes vastly more efficient. We have received 45% of renewal applications a month earlier this year than last, allowing city department more time for the approval process.

Annual Registrations by Cycle

June 1 to May 31



Currently 26 applications in work, either on hold for further departmental review/requirements or final inspections

Due to be completed in November of 2026, this plan will translate the vision, hopes, dreams and priorities of the residents and community members into policies, programs, investments and actions that will serve and shape the future of our city.

Achievements



The Planning Department received an award for Excellence in Housing Planning.

The City reported 76 new units constructed. (Certificates of Occupancy issued in 2025)

The Zoning officer updates ordinances and manages Petitions for the Zoning Board of Review.

The Zoning Officer is completing the Executive Training program offered by the Interlocal Trust.

Compliance staff handled over 200 constituent concerns during the recent winter snow events.

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CITY OF NEWPORT
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NO.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 17 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, REVISION OF 1994, AMENDED, ENTITLED, "ZONING."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, RI, revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, "Definitions," is hereby further amended as follows:

17.08.010. **Definitions.**

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and shall repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith hereby repealed.

"Guest facilities" means establishments for renting dwelling units as follows:

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