

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-81

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; employee cap increase

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$512,866 in available revenue from the Building Inspection 159 Fund Balance and the General Fund to fund salaries and benefits for ten (10) new full-time employees in the Planning and Development Department's Building Inspection Division and authorizes an increase in the department's employee cap to reflect those new positions.

Background Information: Pursuant to a recommendation from one of Mayor Deegan's transition teams to increase the speed of the City's building permitting process, this bill appropriates \$444,132 from the Building Inspection Division's fund balance, \$24,897 from the Development Services Division's supervision allocation, \$24,897 from Resiliency Office salaries and benefits, and \$18,940 of Information Technologies internal service funds to provide funding to hire 10 new positions in the Building Inspection Division. Those 10 new positions include: 2 Permit Assistant Senior positions, 3 Professional Engineer positions, 2 Building Plans Examiner Senior positions, 1 City Planner III position, 1 Associate Engineer position, and 1 Traffic Technician Principal position.

Policy Impact Area: Development permitting

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$512,866 in available funds (86.6% from the Building Inspection Fund's fund balance, the remaining 13.4% from other areas of the Planning Department's General Fund budget).

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