

**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS - BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET TESTIMONY**

INTRODUCTION

Good Afternoon, Council President Johnson and Members of City Council. We are Commissioners Bridget Greenwald and Basil Merenda. We are pleased to provide testimony on the Department of Licenses and Inspections - Board of Building Standards' Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

DEPARTMENT MISSION & PLANS

Mission: The Board of Building Standards (BBS) will continue to focus on matters affecting building safety and is faced with interpreting technical issues involving the application of the Building Code. BBS offers advice to the Commissioners of the Department of Licenses and Inspections (ISC and QOL), who may then grant a variance based on this advice. Denials can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days of notice of decision.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2027: The Department of Licenses and Inspections - Board of Building Standards will continue to follow its mission when hearing cases.

PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW & OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS

General Fund Financial Summary by Class						
	FY25 Original Appropriations	FY25 Actual Obligations	FY26 Original Appropriations	FY26 Estimated Obligations	FY27 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY27 Proposed-FY26 Estimated
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$86,609	\$91,834	\$90,074	\$93,490	\$94,904	\$1,414
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Proposed Funding Request:

The proposed Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund budget totals \$94,904, an increase of \$1,414 over Fiscal Year 2026 estimated obligation levels. This increase is primarily due to contracted DC47 increases.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$94,904 in Class 100, a \$1,414 increase over FY26 for contracted pay increases. This funding will continue to support the Board’s staffing needs.

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STAFFING LEVELS

The Department is requesting one budgeted position for FY27, level with FY26.

Employment Levels (as of November 2025)			
	FY26 Budgeted	Filled as of November 2025	FY27 Proposed
Number of Full-Time Positions	1	1	1
Number of Exempt Positions			
Number of Executive Positions (deputy level and above)			
Average Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$91,383	
Median Salary of All Full-Time Positions		\$91,383	

NEW HIRES

**New Hire Information not applicable.*

VACANCY RATE AND ALLOWANCE

**The Board of Building Standards' budget does not include a vacancy allowance as it only has one employee.*

OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS

Federal and State (Where Applicable)

N/A

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CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE

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PROGRAM BASED BUDGETING:

Program Name: The Department of Licenses and Inspections - Board of Building Standards

Program Number: 01

FY27 Proposed General Fund: \$94,904

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FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Number of BBS appeals heard	224	Meet demand	Meet demand