



AT A GLANCE



GOOD NEWS! **7 OF 17 DEMOLITIONS** IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS WERE FOR **DANGEROUS BUILDINGS** CITED



EXTENSIVE REHABILITATION WORK ON THE **NORTH PARK AREA PROPERTY** IS NEARLY COMPLETE



178 NEW BUILDING LOTS PROPOSED IN SUBDIVISION PREAPPLICATION MEETINGS SINCE JANUARY 2021

Planning Implements Electronic Review of Certificates of Surveys and Subdivision

As of April 5th the Planning Division implemented the use of Electronic Plan Review (EPR). This has been a service the division has been working hard to achieve over the course of the last three years. This is a new technology that many users across the City and County will need to get used to. The ultimate goal in implementing this technology is to speed up the review times for our customers submitting Certificates of Surveys and Subdivision Plats. Until this point, our review process has included a physical routing process that can take weeks and only allows for sequential reviews. The addition of EPR allows for concurrent digital review. The initial rollout of EPR only focuses on COS's. Once our users and customers have mastered this we will move towards implementing this process for subdivision. The Division is offering this service in coordination with the Building Division as they are utilizing the same software to serve customers by digitally reviewing building plans.



VISTA volunteers assembling food boxes.

MLK – Food Box VISTAs

In January, AmeriCorps VISTA Members serving with the Billings Metro VISTA Project (MVP) organized and participated in the annual MLK Day of Service, a nationwide event for service members. The MVP partnered with various community organizations to make the day a success. VISTA Members installed signage at local parks that increase awareness of free, on site, fruit gleaning options; assembled over 80 food boxes; and wrote and distributed approximately 250 cards for local seniors through a letter writing campaign.

Project Re:Code Implementation

On February 25 Project Re:Code became effective in the City of Billings. Now the hard work on implementation begins. Staff is busy making changes to our application packets and online application services to accommodate new processes and procedures. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work through this. In addition to setting up new applications and procedures staff is trying to make the new codes for both the City and County available online in an easy way. Both codes can be found on the City of Billings Zoning Information Webpage. Additionally, the MuniCode will soon electronically codify the new zoning ordinances allowing customers to do interactive searches, key word searches and more.

[billingsmt.gov](#) > Services > Planning > Zoning Information

Zoning Information

Overview

The city and some areas of Yellowstone County are divided into zoning districts. Zoning districts are used to control the use, placement, spacing and size of land and buildings. The city and county [Zoning Regulations outline the requirements for each zoning district](#). We oversee [the Billings Zoning Regulations](#) and [Yellowstone County Zoning Regulations](#). We also administer [Special Zoning Districts](#) in Yellowstone County.

The Planning Division also reviews [Fence Permit](#), [Zoning Clarification](#) requests, [Master Site Plan](#), [Temporary Use Permits](#), [County Zoning Compliance Permits](#) and [Sign Permits](#). Planning staff also checks all new building permits within the city for conformance with zoning.

QUARTERLY REPORT



Code Enforcement Properties, Before and After

CODE ENFORCEMENT



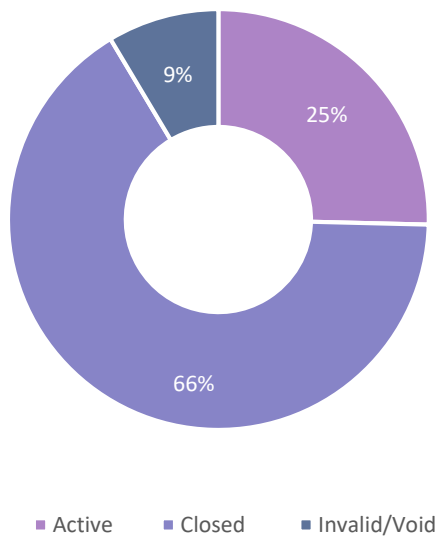
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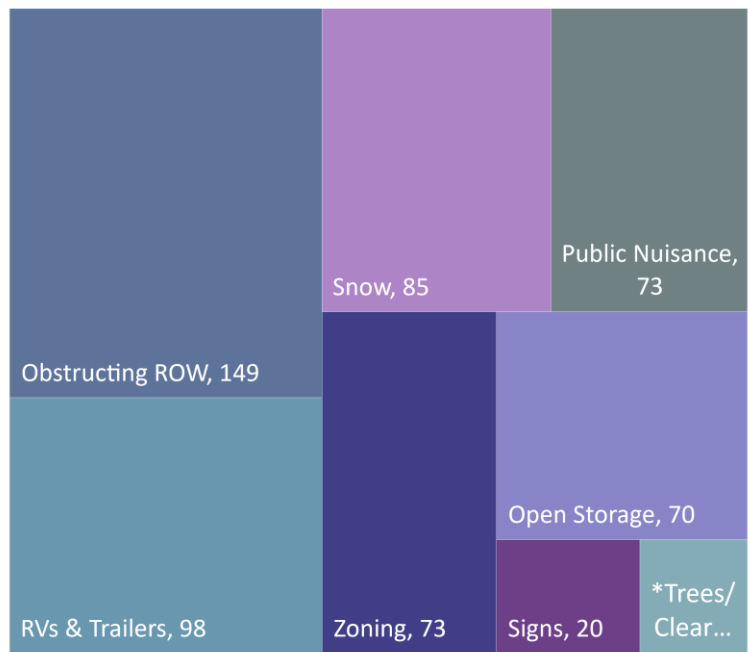
2225 Yellowstone



1st Quarter 2021
Total Cases



1st Quarter 2021 Types of Cases



*Trees/Clear Vision, 15



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Foreclosure Acquisition / Rehab Project News:

Extensive rehabilitation work on the North Park area property is nearly complete. This 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom house will soon be made available for sale to City-approved First Time Home Buyer applicants. More information on the application process is available [here](#).

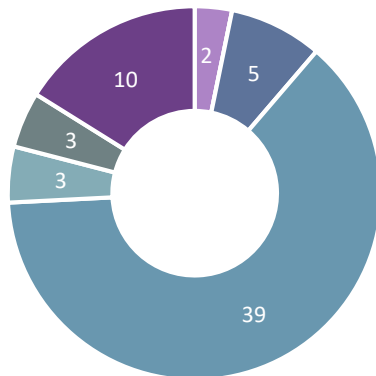


North Park rehabilitation project



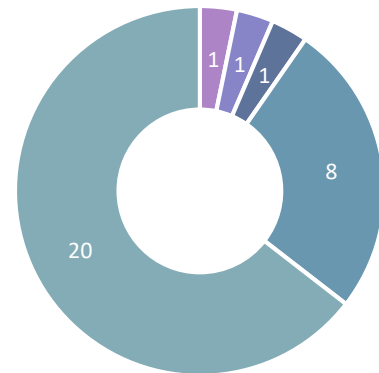
PLANNING

Subdivision Submittals Q1 2021



- Annexation
- Exempt Plat
- Minor Subdivision
- Master Site Plan
- Expedited Subdivision
- Major Subdivision

Zoning Submittals Q1 2021



- Variance
- Zone Change
- Zoning Clarification
- Special Review
- Zoning Compliance