

2023 Proposed City Charter Amendments

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New Orleans City Council



BUDGET

Ballot Proposition

- ❖ Current budget process is too short
 - ❖ Proposal: longer timeline



Shall Article VI, Sections 6-102 and 6-104 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans be amended to move up the deadline by which the City Planning Commission must submit a capital program to the Mayor; and by which the operating budget, the proposed revenue and operating budget ordinances, the capital program as prepared by the City Planning Commission, the Mayor's capital budget message, and the proposed capital budget ordinance must be submitted to the Council by thirty days so that the Council may have additional time to conduct public hearings and to receive input on budget matters?



What does our **current**
budget process look like?



2022 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Day 1 budget hearings	2 Day 2 budget hearings	3 Regular Council meeting	4 Day 3 budget hearings	5
6	7 Day 4 budget hearings	8 Engagement day	9 Day 5 budget hearings	10 Day 6 budget hearings	11 Engagement day	12
13	14 Day 7 budget hearings	15 Day 8 budget hearings	16 Day 9 budget hearings	17 Regular Council meeting	18 Day 10 budget hearings	19
20	21 Day 11 budget hearings	22 Day 12 budget hearings	23	24 Thanksgiving Holiday	25	26
27	28	29 Special Council meeting	30 Council must adopt budget			

\$1.5 billion

 **25 days/12 working days**

 **62 city agencies**



What would our **new**
budget process look like?



2024 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Regular Council meeting	4	5
6	7 Day 1 budget hearings	8 Engagement day	9 Day 2 budget hearings	10 Engagement day	11 Day 3 budget hearings	12
13	14 Engagement day	15 Day 4 budget hearings	16 Engagement day	17 Regular Council meeting	18 Day 5 budget hearings	19
20	21 Day 6 budget hearings	22 Engagement day	23 Engagement day	24 Day 7 budget hearings	25 Engagement day	26
27	28 Day 8 budget hearings	29 Engagement day	30 Day 9 budget hearings	31 Engagement day		

2024 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Day 10 budget hearings	2
3	4 Day 11 budget hearings	5 Engagement day	6 Day 12 budget hearings	7 Engagement day	8 Day 13 budget hearings	9
10	11 Engagement day	12 Day 14 budget hearings	13 Engagement day	14 Regular Council meeting	15 Day 15 budget hearings	16
17	18 Day 16 budget hearings	19 Day 17 budget hearings	20 Engagement day	21 Thanksgiving Holiday		23
24	25 Engagement day	26 Day 18 budget hearings	-----Engagement days-----			30

\$1.5 billion

 **60 days/39 working days**

 **62 city agencies**



How do other cities do it?



Shreveport's

\$595.6M Budget

Timeline:

2.5 months

2024 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Council receives Budget



2024 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2024 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	16	17	18	19	20	21
	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Council must pass Budget



2024 JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Council
receives
Budget



2024 AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2024 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2024 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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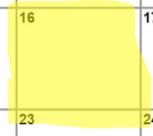


Lafayette's
\$705.5M
Budget
Timeline:
3 months

2024 APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Council receives Budget



2024 MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Memphis' \$750M Budget Timeline: 2.5 months

2024 JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Council must pass Budget





Average amount of
time for other
cities' budget
review:

2.5 months



How does this
amendment help **you**?



What does this all mean?

SAFETY AND PERMITS		Safety and Permits			EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
Program No.	Actual FY2021	Adopted FY2022	Proposed FY2023	Adopted FY2023	Dollar Change FY22-FY23	
1000 General Fund						
2601 Safety and Permits Directors Office	862,826	1,438,016	1,215,574	3,715,574	2,277,558	
2605 Zoning Bureau	366,469	611,309	1,654,588	1,654,588	1,043,279	
2606 Permit Processing	54,547	0	0	0	0	
2610 One Stop Shop Permits	1,808,804	2,503,876	2,048,627	2,048,627	(455,249)	
2611 Short Term Rental Administration	506,996	1,035,619	0	0	(1,035,619)	
2612 Building Inspection	712,112	589,377	599,646	599,646	10,269	
2614 Electrical Inspection	301,539	378,021	246,117	246,117	(131,904)	
2615 Mechanical Inspection	364,105	578,948	355,669	355,669	(223,279)	
2617 Plan Processing	474,865	950,064	497,770	497,770	(452,294)	
2618 Taxi Cab Bureau	386,725	0	0	0	0	
2625 Motor Vehicle Inspection	8,952	0	0	0	0	
1000 General Fund Total	5,847,940	8,085,230	6,617,991	9,117,991	1,032,761	
5141 Interim Short Term Rental Fund						
2611 Short Term Rental Administration	0	0	1,642,502	1,642,502	1,642,502	
5141 Interim Short Term Rental Fund Total	0	0	1,642,502	1,642,502	1,642,502	
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	5,847,940	8,085,230	8,260,493	10,760,493	2,675,263	

SAFETY AND PERMITS		Safety and Permits			PERSONNEL SUMMARY	
Program No.	Pay Grade	Adopted FY2022	Proposed FY2023	Adopted FY2023	FTE Change FY22-FY23	
CODE ENF INSPECTOR I	61	2.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	
CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR II	64	3.00	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	
HOUSING INSPECTION FIELD SUPERVISOR	C2202	4.00	0.00	0.00	(4.00)	
INFORMATION TECH SPEC III	86	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
MANAGEMENT DEV ANALYT I	C0361	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
MANAGEMENT DEV ANALYT I	62	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
2611 Short Term Rental Administration Total		12.00	0.00	0.00	(12.00)	
2612 Building Inspection						
BUILDING INSPECTOR	C2210	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	63	3.00	1.00	1.00	(2.00)	
BUILDING INSPECTOR 2	72	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	
BUILDING INSPECTOR 3	78	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL	96	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	
OFFICE ASSISTANT I	44	2.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	
2612 Building Inspection Total		8.00	7.00	7.00	(1.00)	
2614 Electrical Inspection						
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR ASSISTANT	59	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	C2220	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	63	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR 2	72	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR 3	78	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	
SENIOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	C2221	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
SENIOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	66	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
2614 Electrical Inspection Total		5.00	3.00	3.00	(2.00)	
2615 Mechanical Inspection						
MECH EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR 2	C2243	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	
MECH EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR 3	C2244	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	
MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR	C2240	1.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	





2023 City Council Budget Hearing

Department of Public Works

City of New Orleans
November 9, 2022

Public Works Organizational Chart

Key Changes: Parking Adjudication Division moved to the Department of Safety & Permits
Ground Transportation Bureau relocated to the Department of Public Works



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3 2023 Department Goals

Department Goal	2023 Department Goals
Department	Across all divisions in the department, increase level of services provided to the public with greater efficiency and productivity. Be more strategic with its resources and staff to maximize productivity.
Maintenance Division	Increase staff size and provide more efficient and improved services. Inventory all Right of Way assets to allow the development of strategic and proactive priorities for road and drainage maintenance.
Traffic Engineering Division	Release a new RFP to upgrade School Zone flashers to a remote access system to improve efficiencies of field technicians focusing on repairs and maintenance.
Engineering Division	Complete plan review (FEMA, Bonds, Urban System, Off-system Bridges, subdivision and other DPW's projects) and other engineering document during planning, design and construction phases within 5 days or less. Train newly hired engineers.
Programs & Projects Division "JIRR"	Strategically release future projects to avoid inundating neighborhoods with multiple construction projects. Utilize task order-based contracts to level contractors, accountable and coordinate with SWB increase efficiencies in Waterline work.

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4 2022 Budget Summary and 2023 Proposed Budget

2022 Budget Summary and 2023 Budget Request

Non-General Fund

	Personal Services	Other Operating	Total
2022 Adopted Budget	-	\$7,280,172	\$7,280,172
2023 Proposed Budget	\$1,205,573	\$24,555,172	\$25,760,745
Variance	\$1,205,573	\$17,275,000	\$18,480,573

EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE

Personal Services	Other Operating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement of personnel into the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund (\$1,205,573) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement of additional operating and equipment costs into the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund (\$18M) Reduction of French Quarter Improvement Fund (\$725,000)

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Agenda

- 1) Department Overview
- 2) 2022 Accomplishments
- 3) 2023 Goals
- 4) 2022 Budget Summary and 2023 Proposed Budget

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2022 Department Accomplishments

MAINTENANCE	2022 YTD Total (as of 11/1/2022)
Total number of Potholes Repaired	6,055
Total number of Blocks with Pothole Repairs	383
Total number of Catch Basins Cleaned	2,161
Total amount of Drain Line Flushed (Linear Ft)	80,360

Implemented similar strategic electronic data capturing and data reporting methods to increase efficiency and productivity of Pothole Maintenance

Asphalt crews assist Catch Basin crews by cleaning in front of catch basins to prevent excess debris from entering into the drainage system. This change in operation allows for an increase in drainage cleaning head of rain or storm events.

DPW Inspectors inspect all 311 complaints to assure the maintenance crews have the proper equipment to respond and fully resolve the issues.

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2023 Department Goals (Continued)

Department Goal	2023 Department Goals (Continued)
Department	Across all divisions in the department, increase level of services provided to the public with greater efficiency and productivity. Be more strategic with its resources and staff to maximize productivity.
Mobility & Safety Division	Implement Complete Streets and Bike Infrastructure projects to improve safety and accessibility across all modes of transportation.
Parking / Towing Division	Advertise a new parking services RFP that will improve the existing parking enforcement system. Implement jurked vehicle removal and auctioneering service contracts to increase revenue. Increase staffing and utilize new and existing tow trucks to decrease response times.
GTB Division	Increase field inspections to promote safer operations by hiring additional personnel.

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2022 Budget Summary and 2023 Budget Request

General Fund

	Personal Services	Other Operating	Total
2022 Projected Actuals	\$10,559,240	\$20,599,524	\$31,158,764
2022 Adopted Budget	\$13,038,397	\$17,736,440	\$30,774,837
2023 Proposed Budget	\$9,865,804	\$13,436,440	\$23,302,244
Variance	(\$3,172,593)	(\$4,300,000)	(\$7,472,593)

EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE

Personal Services	Other Operating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement of personnel into the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund (\$1,205,573) Parking Adjudication moved to CAO (\$401,951) Reduction in personnel to reflect actuals (\$1,568,069) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking Adjudication moved to CAO (\$4,300,000)

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1 Department Overview

2022 Department Accomplishments (continued)

TRAFFIC & PERMITTING	2022 YTD Total (as of 9/30/2022)
Sites Inspected	9,750
New Signs and Supports Installed	6,200
New Street-name Signs Installed	930
Temporary Signs and Supports Installed	8,300
Temporary Signs Removed	2,854
Signs and Supports Repaired or Reoriented	2,350
Damage Signs Removed	2,078
Traffic Signals with Repaired Permits Approved	900
	2,575

The Traffic Engineering Division has completed the assessment of all 450 signalized intersections to begin the process of reworking cables to prevent hurricane damage, installing back plates to improve visibility and regrading / installing raised name signs where needed.

Successful completion of the Parklet Pilot Program that gave 41 participating businesses the ability to have outdoor seating and currently implementing the approval process for the new Council-approved Parklet Program that will allow these installations on a long-term basis while being ADA compliant.

The Parking Division has enhanced the quality of life for residents and businesses by aiding with parking related safety issues, removing parked and abandoned vehicles from the public right-of-way, and promoting curb laneover to provide curb access for customers and delivery vehicles in heavily trafficked business areas.

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Asset Collection of Street Level Assets

RFP No. 2544

- RFP Opening Date: 10/12/22 Closing Date: 11/11/22
- The City currently has a limited digital inventory of its public right of way assets. Attempts to manage our infrastructure in this manner is not efficient and DPW recognizes it is imperative to remedy this situation in order to proactively address current and future issues and adopt modern technologies that utilize current best practices.
- Using modern automated technology to collect a comprehensive inventory of the City's right of way assets will allow the City to obtain these datasets more quickly and much more cost effectively than traditional manual field survey methods.
- The asset location, physical attributes, and condition information to be collected will be implemented within an Asset Management Software System to enable digital tracking and maintenance of all assets. This data will also allow DPW staff to develop strategic priorities for maintaining and improving the City's infrastructure in a proactive fashion.

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Mission and Vision

Department of Public Works

Mission Statement

Our mission is to construct and maintain the highest quality of safe and sustainable transportation facilities for pedestrians and users of vehicular and bicycle transportation; to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for economic development for all New Orleanians.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to make Public Works a professional, customer-focused public service organization that is trusted and responsive to the needs of the community.

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2022 Department Accomplishments (continued)

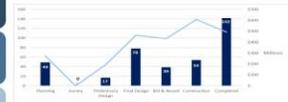
The Contracts Division has processed & routed over 300+ contracts including: Emergency Traffic Signal Repairs, Streetlight Repair & Rehabilitation Services, Emergency Drainage Assessment & Cleaning, Streetlight Management Services, Emergency Catch Basin Repairs, & all this years' executed contracts for projects under the \$2.4 billion FEMA-JIRR settlement.

JIRR Program of over \$2.4B of combined DPW & SWB work to better complete with 14 projects already completed in 2022 and an expected 21 more by the end of the year.

Held Industry Day for all Engineers and Contractors and provided a match making room for DEEs to connect with larger firms

Increase contractor accountability by revising specifications, including the new task-order based contract structure.
Inspected 28 off-system bridges and reviewed 127 subdivision plans

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Acquired on 8/15/2022 – "Go Live" will be early 2023 – full implementation will likely take all of 2023

- Construction Management Software also used by SWBNO will bring efficiency, transparency, and accountability for all construction projects managed within the system.
- Unlimited user licenses along with robust training and support will allow us to require all vendors on City Projects to utilize this software.
- Will allow for granular tracking as well as programmatic reporting of all data, to include financials, RFIs, contracts, insurance, crews, manpower, schedules, drawings, specs and more.
- Invoice, plan change, and other approval workflows will be digital, no more waiting on packages or signatures.

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Questions?

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CODE ENFORCEMENT Ballot Proposition

- ❖ Not a department
- ❖ Proposal: a department



Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans be amended to establish the Department of Code Enforcement to inspect substandard property and authorize demolition or remediation of property hazardous to the public health, safety, and welfare, and to enforce laws and regulations for maintaining streets, vacant lots, and other places free from weeds, trash, and deleterious matter, thereby reassigning such functions from the Departments of Safety and Permits and Sanitation to the Department of Code Enforcement?



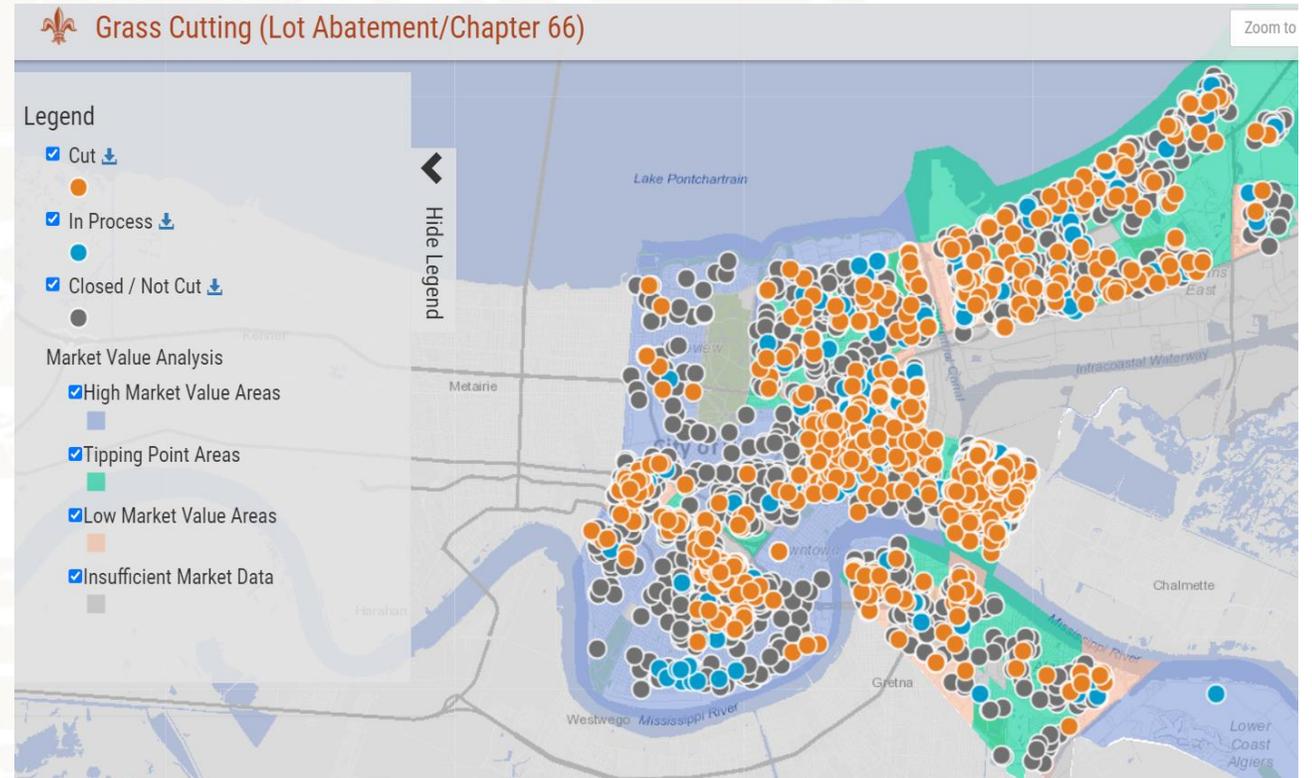


What does Code Enforcement do?



Lot Abatement/Mowing

- ❖ City can cut grass on private property when property owner neglects to do so
- ❖ 3,200 lots cut YTD
- ❖ Prioritizing lots near occupied properties & schools
- ❖ Recover costs by billing property owners



Mow to Own Program

- ❖ Allows neighbors to buy tax delinquent lots while saving city resources
- ❖ Public process
- ❖ New regulations as of July 2023
- ❖ Code Enforcement will do compliance checks



Fights blight



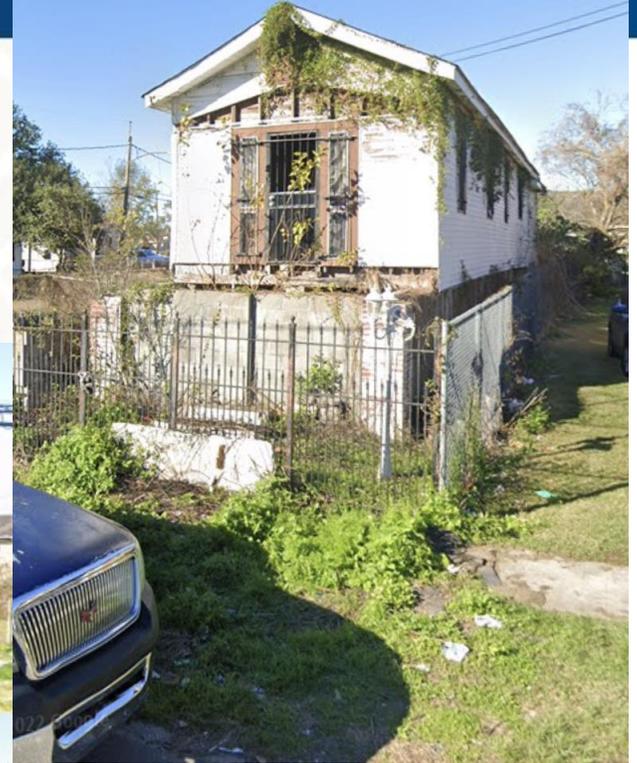
District A



District B



District C



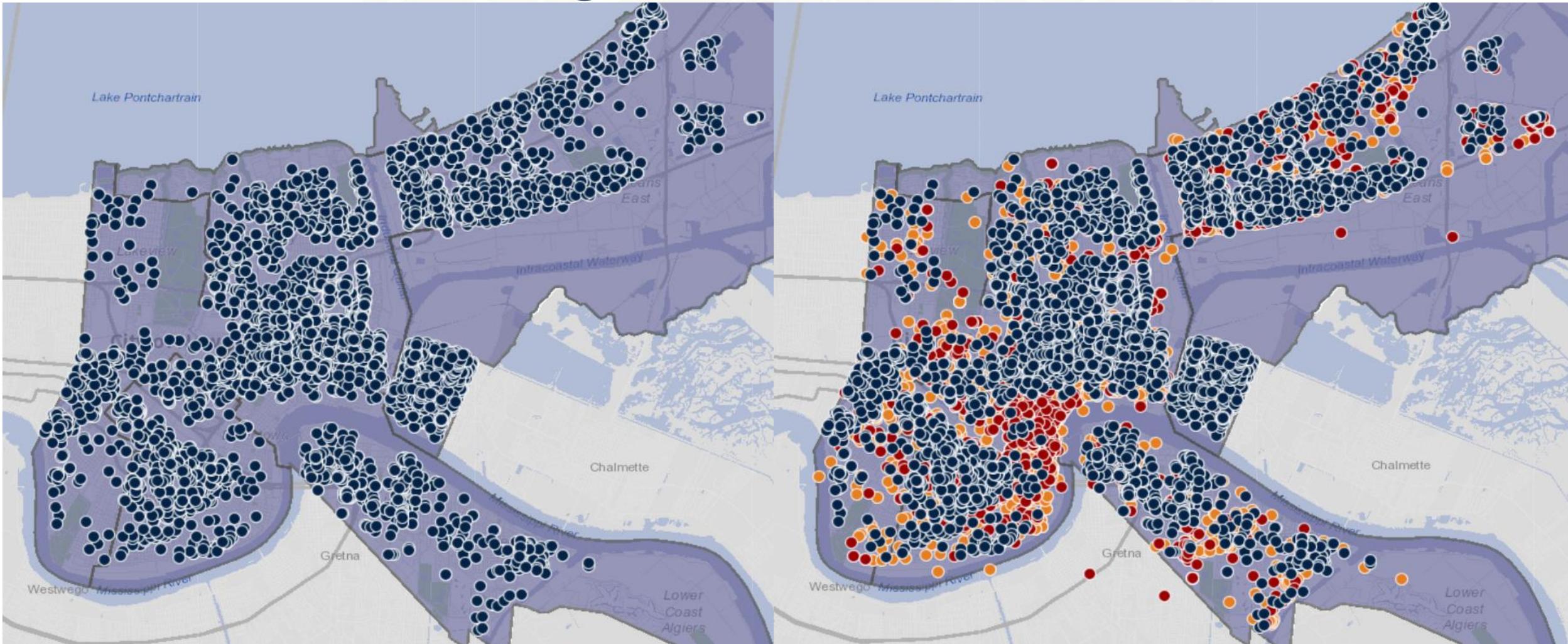
District D



District E



Blight vs Crime



Imminent Danger Conditions

- ❖ City can demolish properties considered an imminent danger to life, health, property, or public safety
- ❖ More resources = less blight



Healthy Homes Ordinance

- ❖ Code Enforcement duties **expanded** to provide:
 - ❖ Rental building inspections
 - ❖ Rental registry/dashboard
 - ❖ Annual permitting & renewal processes



FOX 8 Defenders: Residents complain of unsafe living conditions at The Willows



Danger to Life, Health, Property, or Public Safety

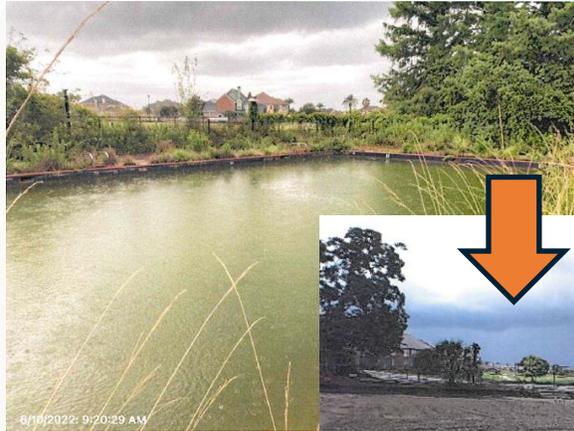
❖ Code Enforcement now handles:

❖ Abandoned, unfenced, or unfiltered pools

❖ Extreme hoarding of household hazardous waste



FOX 8 Defenders: City fills dangerous blighted pool



Quality of Life

- ❖ Code Enforcement also now handles:
 - ❖ Commercial and residential nuisance properties
 - ❖ Trash, debris, refuse, and discarded items
 - ❖ Overgrown vegetation
 - ❖ Graffiti



Reduce blight, improve affordability

THEN



NOW



How does Code Enforcement function now?



Too many departments

- ❖ This is where Code Enforcement lives:
 - ❖ Office of Community Development
 - ❖ Downtown Development District
 - ❖ Department of Safety & Permits
 - ❖ Law Department
 - ❖ Office of Economic Development



Revenue Generation

- ❖ Code Enforcement collects revenue from fines
- ❖ Recoups costs from demolitions of blighted properties
- ❖ Estimated 2022 revenue generation: **\$3.2 million**



How does this
amendment **help** you?



Quality of Life

- ❖ **Code Enforcement** also now handles:
 - ❖ Commercial and residential nuisance properties
 - ❖ Trash, debris, refuse, and discarded items
 - ❖ Overgrown vegetation
 - ❖ Graffiti





- ❖ One director
 - ❖ With one dedicated function
- ❖ One budget
 - ❖ Easier to track spending
 - ❖ All in one place
- ❖ Fewer hoops to jump through



THANK YOU



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