

Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Pillar: Equitable Neighborhood Development

Service Number: 185

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$621,399

Service Description

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) provides specific procedures and regulations in order to implement the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan for land use development throughout the City of Baltimore. More specifically, the BMZA plays a crucial role in the administration, interpretation, and implementation of the zoning and municipal codes. BMZA provides public notice on land use appeals that are funneled through the BMZA, and schedules zoning hearings regarding conditional use permits, variances needed for development proposals, and applications relating to non-conforming uses of property, commercial signs, and off-street parking regulations. BMZA also hears municipals appeals from various city agencies.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget maintains the current level of service.

Type	Performance Measure	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021	Target 2022	Target 2023
Efficiency	% of Appeals Upheld by Judicial Review	90%	80%	75%	80%	50%	80%	70%
Effectiveness	Average # of days from filing a zoning appeal to a public hearing	51	56	42	45	55	45	60
Output	Average # of Days from Public Hearing to Written Resolution	15	18	9	30	30	90	45
Effectiveness	Hearings per FTE	208	113	152	150	141	60	80
Output	Total # of Municipal and Zoning Appeals Heard	833	783	760	1,000	372	1,000	550