



ZONING DEPARTMENT



2024
ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Zoning Department is responsible for enforcing, implementing and applying the City of Norton's zoning code, including the issuance of permits for various activities such as:

- Fences
- Decks
- New single-family houses
- Accessory structures
- Signage

The Zoning Department also oversees the enforcement of property violations such as:

- Junk vehicles
- Trash/junk accumulation
- High grass and weeds

Staffing

Bill Braman - Zoning Administrator

Lisa Snyder – Office Manager

Michael Walker – NHS Student Intern

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2018 International Property Maintenance Code

City Codified Ordinances

Key Projects

Comprehensive Plan

The City of Norton and the Zoning Department partnered with OHM to develop a comprehensive plan to guide our community for years to come. It is a long-term document that outlines the community's vision, goals and policies for its future development. It will include land use, economic development, housing, transportation, parks, and implementation strategies.

Purpose

-  Sets framework for a long-term vision
-  Identifies opportunities and challenges
-  Is a fact-based resource for planning initiatives
-  Tracks progress in implementing community policies

Stages



Project Phases



Phase 1:
Launch



Phase 2:
Discovery



Phase 3:
Vision



Phase 4:
Action

OpenGov – Permitting & Licensing

OpenGov will allow for Planning and Zoning applications to be filed online including Zoning certificates, sign permits, subdivisions, variances and more.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the OpenGov website for the City of Norton, OH. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a globe icon, the city name, and links for Search, Login, and Sign Up. The main header reads "How may we help?". Below it, a sub-header says "Access service information and apply online – all from here." A search bar is present with the placeholder "Search for something like **Fence Permit** or **Right of Way Permit**". The background of the page is a blurred aerial view of a residential area.

Discover Online Services

Choose below to browse services by department



Planning Applications & Zoning Forms
*Planning Commission, *Zoning Permit + 2 more

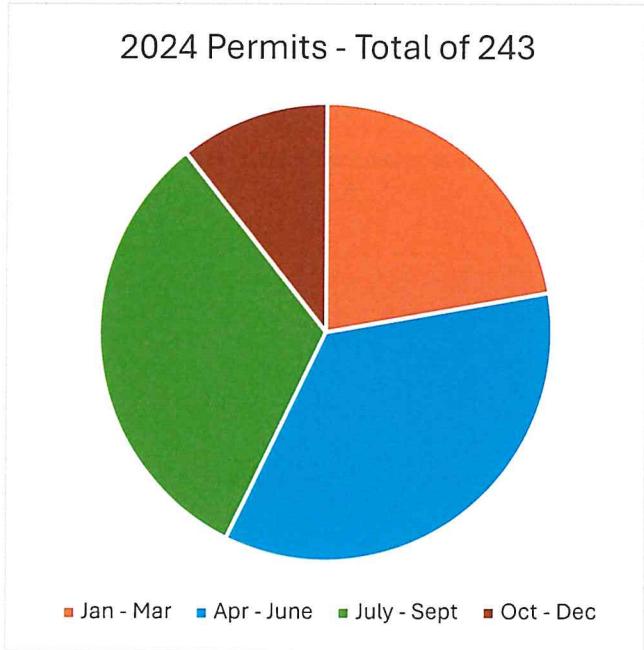


Engineering Division
*Right of Way Permit



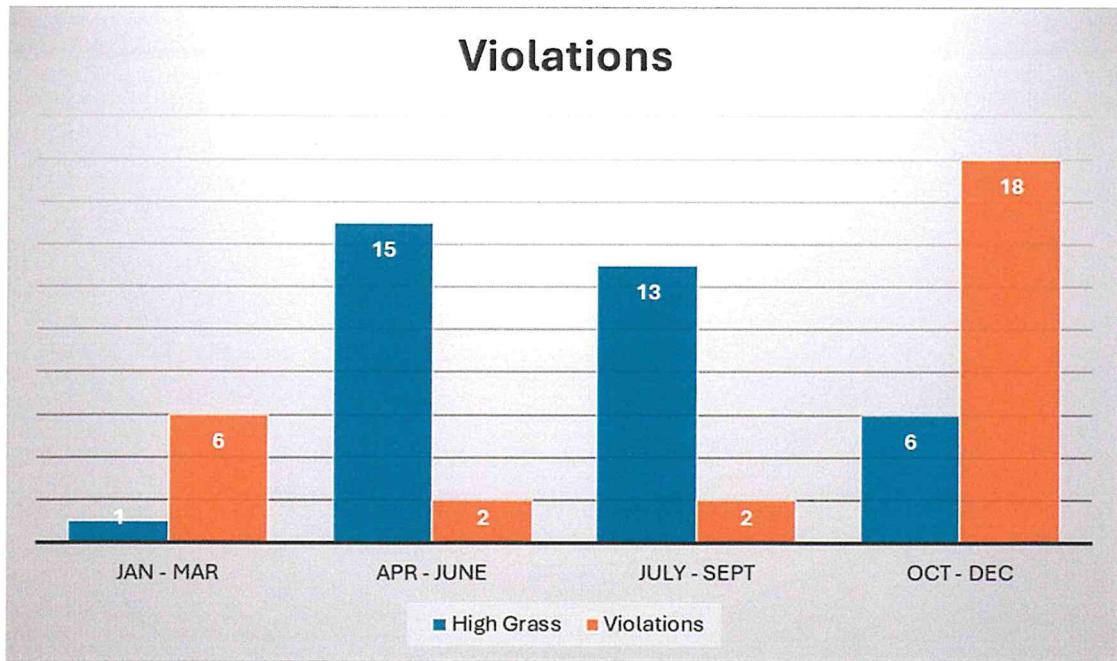
Property Maintenance Complaints
*Complaint Form

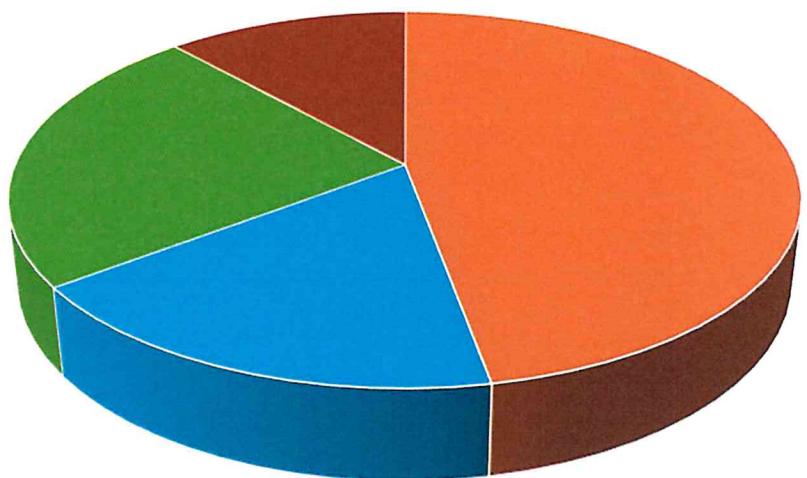
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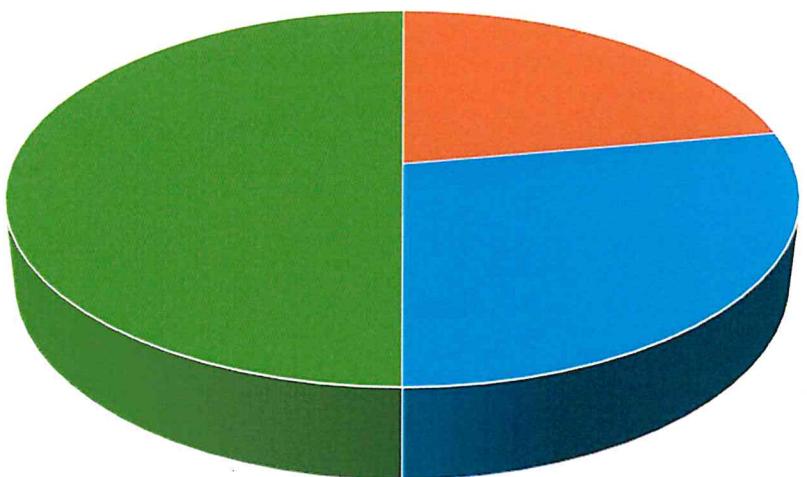
The Zoning Department issued 243 permits in 2024. These included fences, new homes, accessory buildings, sheds, decks, pools, signs, more.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)



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■ Accessory Buildings ■ Side Yard Setbacks ■ Minimum Lot Width/Area ■ Farm Animals

Planning Commission

■ Rezones ■ Site Plan Review ■ Final Site Plan

Objectives for the Next Year

- New Zoning Permit process with OpenGov
- New Comprehensive Plan
- Update Zoning Code

