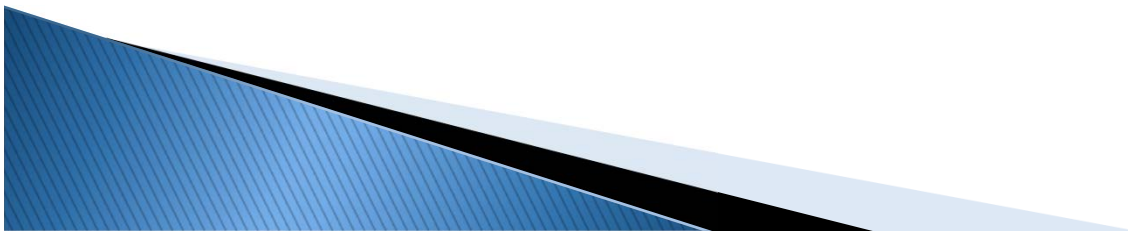


# Dubuque County Zoning FY22 Budget Presentation



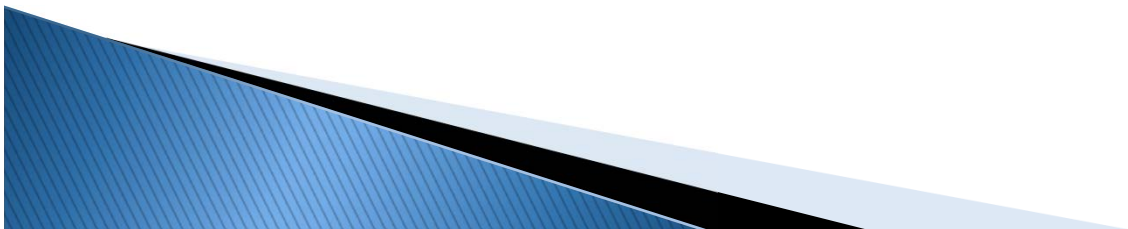
# Mission Statement

- ▶ Provide excellent customer service by assisting county residents effectively, consistently, and courteously with questions and applications regarding land use in the unincorporated areas of the county and solicit public input on pending applications, development plans and ordinance amendments to facilitate planned development in and around the cities, while preserving valuable agricultural land in the county.



# Purpose

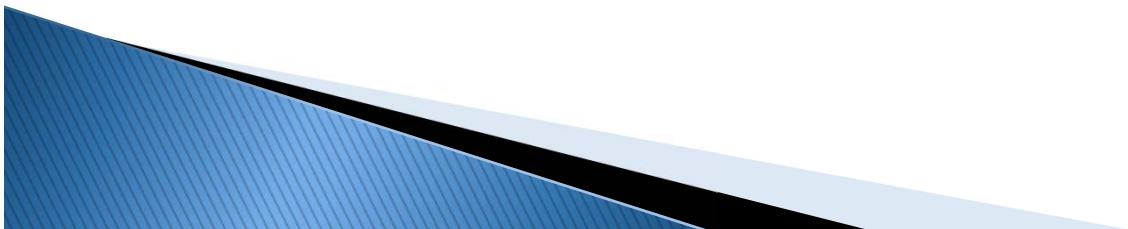
- ▶ The purpose of land use regulations in the County is to:
  - Preserve the availability of agricultural land
  - Protect the public's health and general welfare
  - Encourage efficient urban development patterns
  - Efficiently plan for and provide public facilities and infrastructure
  
- ▶ The land use ordinances were developed in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 18B, 335, 354 and 355 and are based on the Comprehensive Plan for Dubuque County
  
- ▶ Regulations are made with reasonable consideration as to:
  - The character of the area
  - Suitability of an area for a particular use
  - Conserving the value of land and buildings
  - Encouraging the most appropriate uses of land throughout the County



# Zoning Structure

## ▶ Zoning Board

- Recommending body appointed by Board of Supervisors
- Responsible for reviewing plats, rezoning applications, and zoning amendments for Supervisor approval
- Update the Comprehensive Plan and recommend areas for future development in the County
- Board of Supervisors, as legislative body, has final say on approval of plats, rezoning applications, zoning amendments, and adoption of the comprehensive plan
- Any appeal of Board of Supervisors decisions must go to district court



# Zoning Structure

## ▶ Board of Adjustment

- Quasi-judicial Board appointed by Board of Supervisors
- Responsible for approving Variances and Special Use Permits
- Hearing appeals to the Zoning Administrator's decisions
- Authority to approve, modify or deny applications
- Any appeal of Board of Adjustment decisions must go to district court



# Zoning Activity by Year

	Full Calendar Year		
	2018	2019	2020
Board of Adjustment Cases	53	42	39
Zoning Board Cases	44	29	29
Zoning Certificates	194	179	195
Plats	54	44	39
Complaints	22	16	12
Flood Plain Permits	21	7	10
New Addresses	72	58	68
Minor Erosion Control Permits	69	54	58
Major Erosion Control Permits	5	8	4
Entrance Permit Applications	45	63	62
Entrance Permit Variances	21	25	2

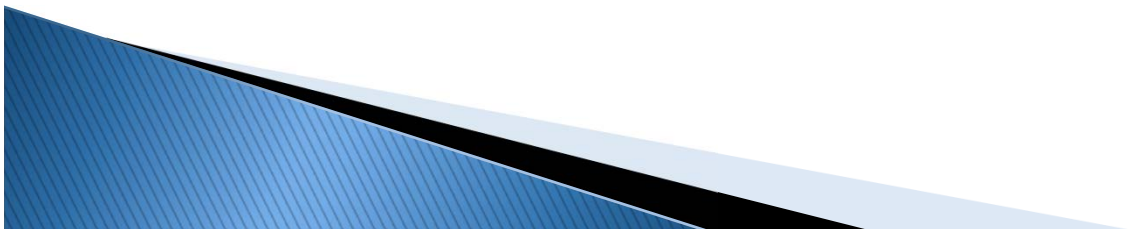
\*As of June 2013, the Zoning Office started handling all Major Erosion Control Permits with Eric.



# Complaints

There were 12 new Zoning Complaints filed in 2020

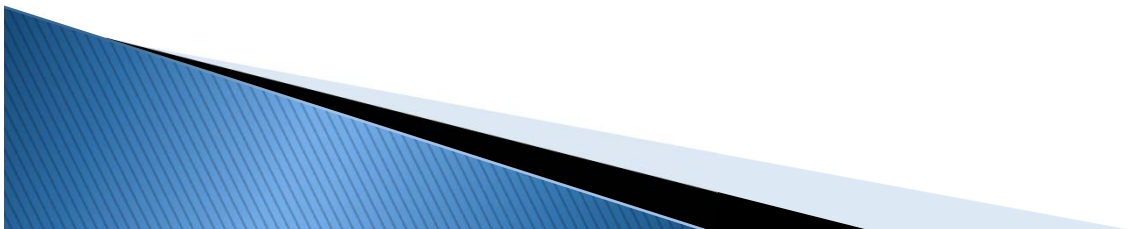
	<u>Full Calendar Year</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
New Cases Logged	22	16	12
Cases Completed	18	10	8



# Achievements

## ▶ 2020

- Scanning of Zoning & Board of Adjustment Cases, Building Permits, Official Notices, Agendas and Minutes currently being imported into Tyler System
- Completed Zoning Ordinance Updates C-1 thru Airport Districts
- Worked with IT to set up home offices to continue office operations during pandemic





# Current Projects ~ 2021

- ▶ Continuing to work with IT to import the scanning project documents
- ▶ Continuing to have temp personal complete import and indexing of scanned documents with expected completion June of 2021
- ▶ Continuing to work on both the Zoning and Platting Ordinances
- ▶ Developing New Ordinances for Airbnb, Solar and Celebration Barns
- ▶ Working on zoning violations and continued clean-up of properties in violation
- ▶ Continue to train staff on policy changes and cross training



# Current Projects ~ 2021 Continued

## ▶ Zoning Code Update Project

- Originally projected to be completed in 2 years  
(started in July 2016)
- Now on schedule to be completed by the end of 2021
- The Zoning Board will be continue to work on this over the next 12 months
- Staff will be working closely with the Zoning Board and the Board of Supervisors to hold public hearings



# Expenditure Analysis ~ FY2022

- ▶ Official Publication cost up \$2,000 due to Zoning Code Update

