

2026

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT



Yvette Wallace ***(Interim) Director of Development Services***

Yvette joined the City in 2012 and has served as Assistant Director of Development Services - Building Division since October 2024. She has 14 years of experience overseeing Inspection, Plan Review, and Permitting divisions, where she expedited permit processing time from an average of three weeks to an average processing time of two business days.

As Assistant Director of Development Services, Yvette manages a \$12.8 million annual operational budget and provides leadership to 55 employees. In this position, she has had many notable achievements, including relaunching the Contractor STAR Program, reducing plan review processing time from 10 business days to an average of 6.5 days, achieved through comment standardization, workflow refinement, and targeted staff training.

Yvette holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Arizona Global Campus. She has also completed the Executive Leadership Program with the Yale School of Business. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration with Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. Yvette is a Certified Floodplain Manager and a Texas Registered Code Enforcement Officer.

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



Robert "RJ" Perusquia - Permit Technician

RJ consistently delivers exceptional customer service, earning frequent praise for his professionalism and positive attitude. He builds strong rapport that fosters trust and loyalty, while also demonstrating a drive to learn and embrace new challenges. His reliability and dedication to supporting both customers and teammates make him a valuable asset. RJ truly embodies our values and deserves recognition for his outstanding contributions.



Roger Rojas - Inspector II

Roger consistently supports his teammates by sharing inspection knowledge and offering guidance, strengthening collaboration and improving work quality. He takes initiative to expand his skills by working with other trades, demonstrating a commitment to continuous learning. His positive attitude and friendly demeanor create a welcoming environment that boosts team morale. Roger's dedication and growth make him truly deserving of recognition.



Jacqueline Escalante - Code Compliance Officer

Since returning from maternity leave, Jackie has resumed her role with exceptional dedication and high-quality work. Her six years of experience across multiple departments and her proactive approach—seeking additional assignments and mastering system processes—demonstrate her commitment to serving residents. Guided by a passion for education and compliance, she empowers citizens while continuously expanding her own knowledge. Jackie's "can-do" spirit and dedication make her truly deserving of recognition.

CERTIFICATIONS

Ultra Pena

- Residential Plans Examiner



Michel Dice

- CEOSF Code Official Safety Specialist

Mike Shelton

- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Combo- Plumbing Code Specialist

Yvette Wallace

- CEOSF Code Official Safety Specialist

Oscar Landa

- Plumbing Plans Examiner

Joann Salinas

- CEOSF Code Official Safety Specialist

Daniel Rohde

- CEOSF Code Official Safety Specialist

We take pride in offering certifications to promote growth within our department. A job well done to our team members who have recently earned professional certifications!

Their hard work and commitment to growth make a difference every day and we are happy to have them in Development Services!

85% of DSD/CODE Staff possess an ICC Certification, State Licensure, and/or National Registrations.

WELCOME TO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES!

DSD recently welcomed two new team members to Development Services!
Their skills and expertise will strengthen our team and help us continue
delivering exceptional service.



Valeria Merida
Planner I



Emilie Lichtenberger
Planner I

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JOB FAIR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
LA RETAMA CENTRAL LIBRARY

Join Our Team!

A graphic for a job fair featuring the City of Corpus Christi logo, the text 'JOB FAIR', the date and time 'SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.', the location 'LA RETAMA CENTRAL LIBRARY', and a green banner with the text 'Join Our Team!'.

For more information, visit:
<https://cctx.info/4r3KvYk>

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS:

Join the City of Corpus Christi for a Job Fair on Saturday, February 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at La Retama Central Library (805 Comanche Street).

EXPLORING THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WEBSITE:

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



DSD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT: SEE WHAT DSD HAS ACCOMPLISHED AND WHATS TO COME!

please visit:
<https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/media/ntcjxrh4/2025-annual-report-1.pdf>

Follow us on our social media pages to keep up with the latest in DSD!



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@DevServicesCC

The Development Services Department is responsible for all planning, development and permitting activities in Corpus Christi.

Development Taskforce Meetings

To discuss the development process; what works; what needs improvement; what's new; & what is trending. These meetings include all departments involved in the development process.

- **When:** Quarterly, 3rd Wednesday of the month
- **Location:** City Hall (6th Floor Conference Room)
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



To view all of our Taskforce Presentations, please visit:

<https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/development-services/about-us/development-services-task-force/>

Development Task Force Meetings

Task Force meetings are held quarterly, every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 18, 2026
- May 20, 2026
- August 19, 2026
- November 18, 2026

STAR Training Schedule 2026

The dates for training will not be the only available opportunities to meet registration requirements. The classes posted will be ICC Continuing Education approved credits. DSD holds many events that encourage participation and outreach. STAR registrants will receive emails when these events occur.

Day and Time	Topic	Location
March 18, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Landscaping Handbook UDC 7.3	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
April 15, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	10 Reasons Projects are Delayed / Building Safety Month Announcement	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
May 2026 (Date coming soon) 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Building Safety Month	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
June 17, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Commercial Vent Hoods	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
July 15, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Energy Conservation Codes	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
Sept. 16, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Look to 2027 ICC Code Adoptions	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)
Oct. 21, 2026 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Fire safety awareness / Residential Fire Sprinklers	Development Services Building 2406 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 (3 rd Fire Dept. Training Room)

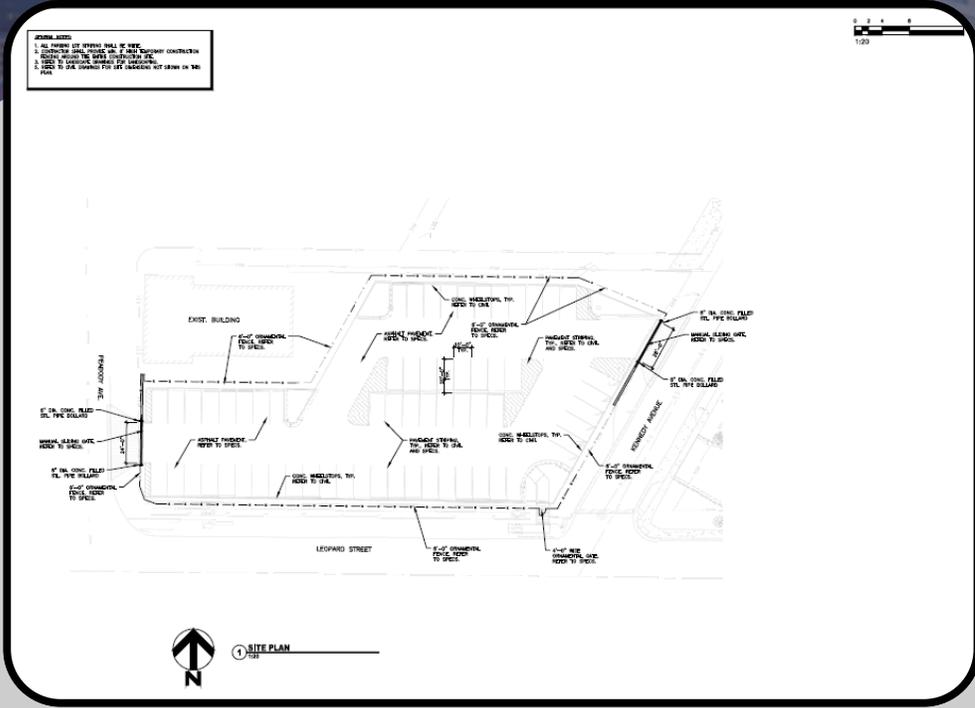
STAR PROGRAM:

Discover the STAR Contractor Program—your go-to online tool for finding qualified registered contractors in Corpus Christi based on service type.

Participation is voluntary, so explore the search tool today and make your next project easier!

Visit: <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/development-services/applications-permits-and-guidance/the-star-contractor-program/>

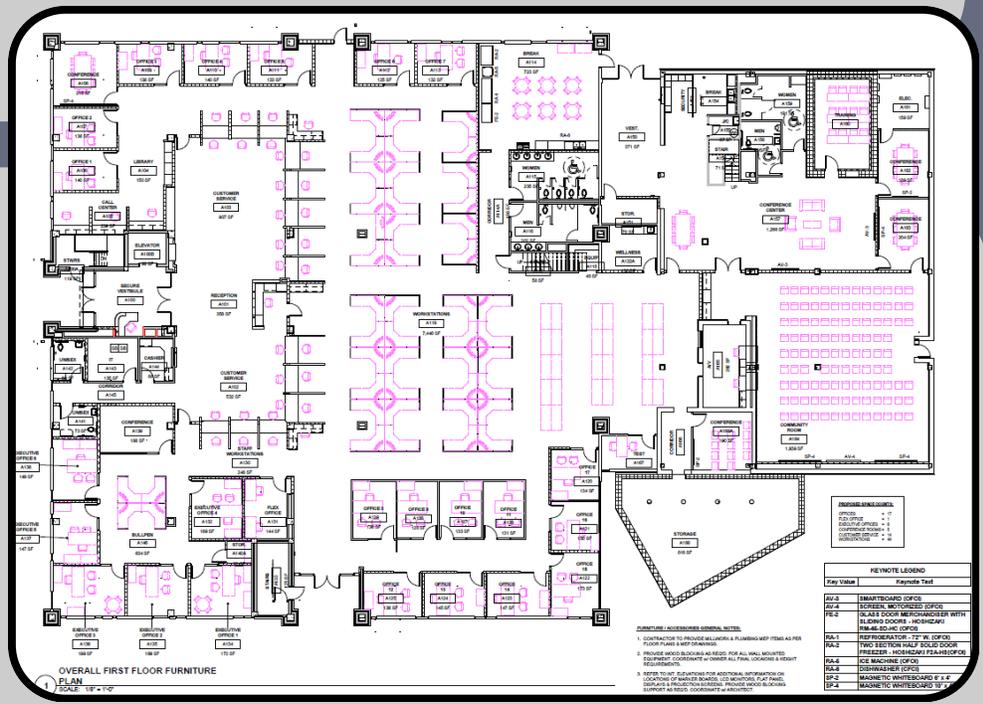
Transforming Our Space: Exciting Renovations Underway!



Parking lot renovations are underway and anticipated to be complete by Spring 2026!

COMING SOON

Stay tuned for DSD's Building Re-model moving forward!



DECEMBER 2025 METRICS



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Performance Metrics

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
December 2025

CALL VOLUME

2,011

AVERAGE HOLD TIME

1 Minute 43 Seconds

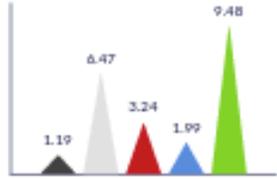
LOBBY CUSTOMERS

546

AVERAGE WAIT TIME

3.65 Minutes

CUSTOMER ADVOCACY



Customer Wait In Minutes

INSPECTIONS

1,171 PERMITS ISSUED
3,002 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED
100% NEXT DAY INSPECTIONS (GOAL = 85%)

PLAN REVIEW

90 RESIDENTIAL PLANS REVIEWED
1 Day RESIDENTIAL AVERAGE INITIAL REVIEW (GOAL = 3 DAYS)
77 COMMERCIAL PLANS REVIEWED
6 Days COMMERCIAL AVERAGE INITIAL REVIEW (GOAL = 10 DAY)

ZONING

2 ZONING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
3 APPLICATIONS TAKEN TO PLANNING COMMISSION
5 APPLICATIONS TAKEN TO CITY COUNCIL
*80 AVERAGE DAYS TO CITY COUNCIL (GOAL = LESS THAN 76 DAYS)

PLATTING

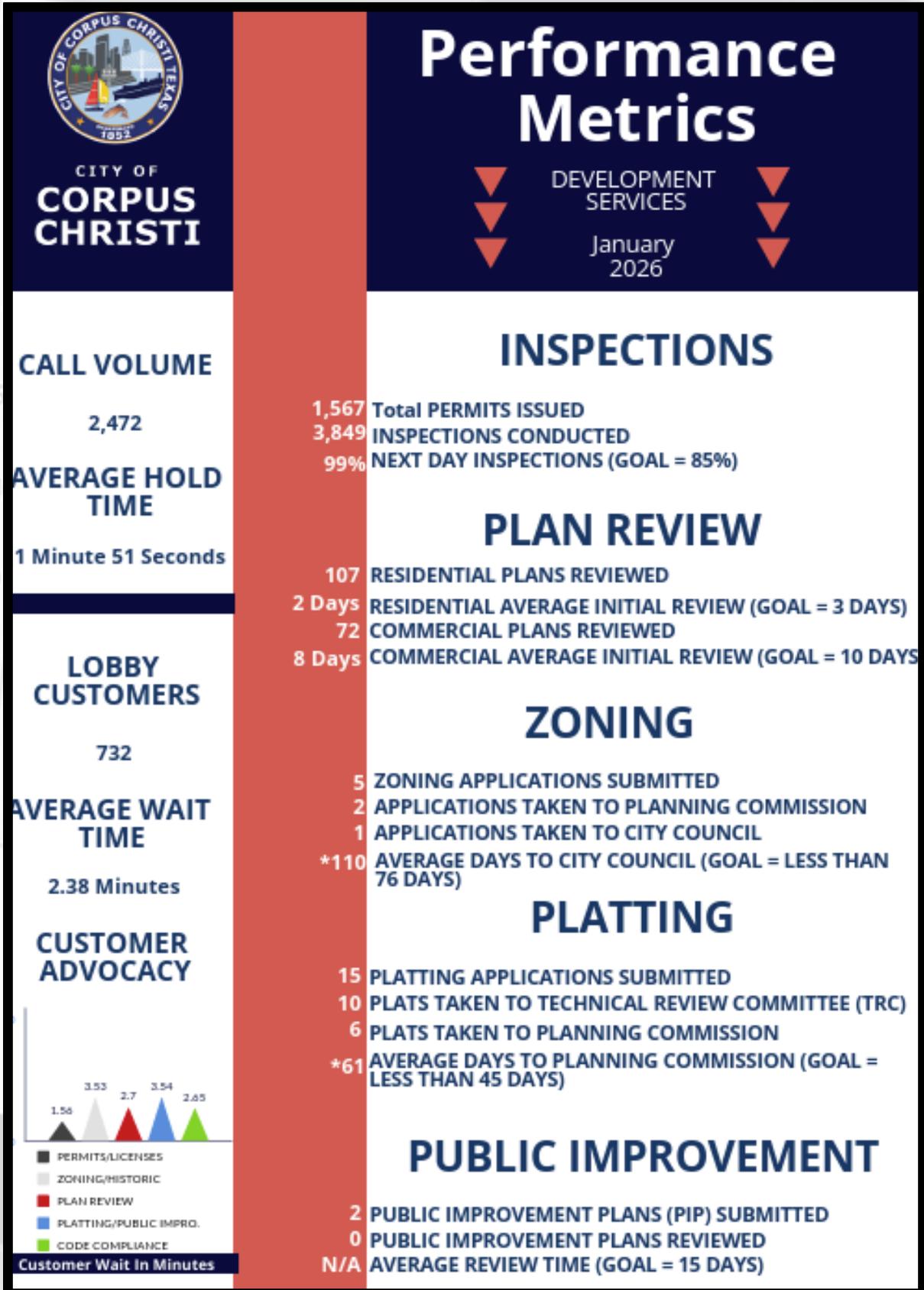
8 PLATTING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
7 PLATS TAKEN TO TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)
6 PLATS TAKEN TO PLANNING COMMISSION
*69 AVERAGE DAYS TO PLANNING COMMISSION (GOAL = LESS THAN 45 DAYS)

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

2 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PLANS (PIP) SUBMITTED
1 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PLANS REVIEWED
19 AVERAGE REVIEW TIME (GOAL = 15 DAYS)

***HOLIDAY SCHEDULES ARE NOT REFLECTIVE IN THE DAYS SHOWN.**

JANUARY 2026 METRICS



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DSD VACANCY RATES

Monthly Vacancy Report	
Division	December
Land Development	33.33%
Administration	9.09%
Inspection Operations	30.36%
Code Enforcement	10.26%
Total	20.76%

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Monthly Vacancy Report	
Division	January
Land Development	40.00%
Administration	9.09%
Inspection Operations	32.14%
Code Enforcement	15.38%
Total	24.15%

***DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OPERATES WITH A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, BUSINESS-ORIENTED APPROACH, ALIGNING STAFFING LEVELS WITH PERMIT ACTIVITY. IN RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT DECLINE IN PERMITTING VOLUME, WE ARE CONSERVATIVELY MANAGING VACANCIES UNTIL SUSTAINED DEMAND WARRANTS ADDITIONAL STAFFING.**