



# City Council Public Safety Committee Presentation 2022

Fire Inspections, Operational Permits, Hazardous Materials and Standby Fees



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# Objectives to Consider

- To solve compliance issues
- Hold people and businesses accountable for public safety
- Recover the cost for noncompliance and repeated inspections
- Create a revenue source to assist with the funding of additional inspectors
- Currently 84.3%, our goal is to achieve 100% inspection completion rate
- Presently our only avenue to gain compliance is through court action



# Governing Authority

North Carolina General Statutes authorize and mandate fire inspections under General Statutes 160A and 160D. This is carried out presently in accordance with the 2018 North Carolina State Fire Code.

ISO (Insurance Services Office) CRR (Community Risk Reduction) mandates and requires fire prevention personnel to conduct inspections, building familiarizations, hazard mitigation and fire prevention in all properties in the city of High Point as part of our Class 1 ISO rating.



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# Inspections/Code Enforcement

## History of Code Enforcement Program:

Hamlet fire 1991/Mandated Inspection program by 1993  
Inspector positions increased from 5 to 9 to meet 1993 demand  
City 43 Sq. Miles, population 70,000  
2950 facilities (1, 2 & 3 year)  
2001 - 42% Inspection Completion Rate

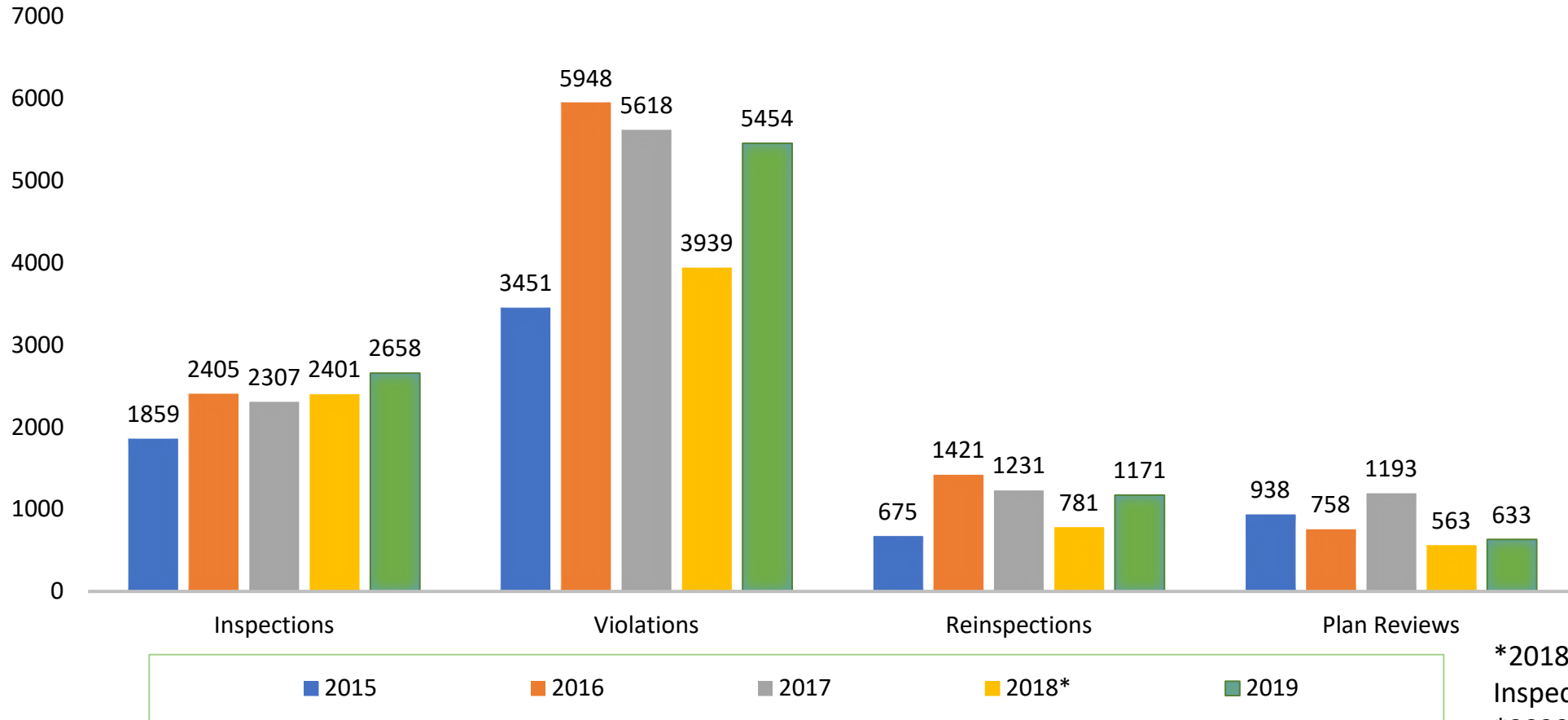
## Present Day Situation

Inspector positions were reallocated during economic downturns and city growth and not replaced in the Inspections division  
Staff presently consists of the Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, 3 Inspectors and 1 Fire Prevention Education Officer  
City 58 Sq. Miles, population 116,000+  
5,400+ commercial facilities (1, 2 & 3 year)  
2,900+ Inspections required annually for 100% compliance  
84.3 Inspection Completion Rate





# Inspections, Violations, Reinspections and Plan Reviews

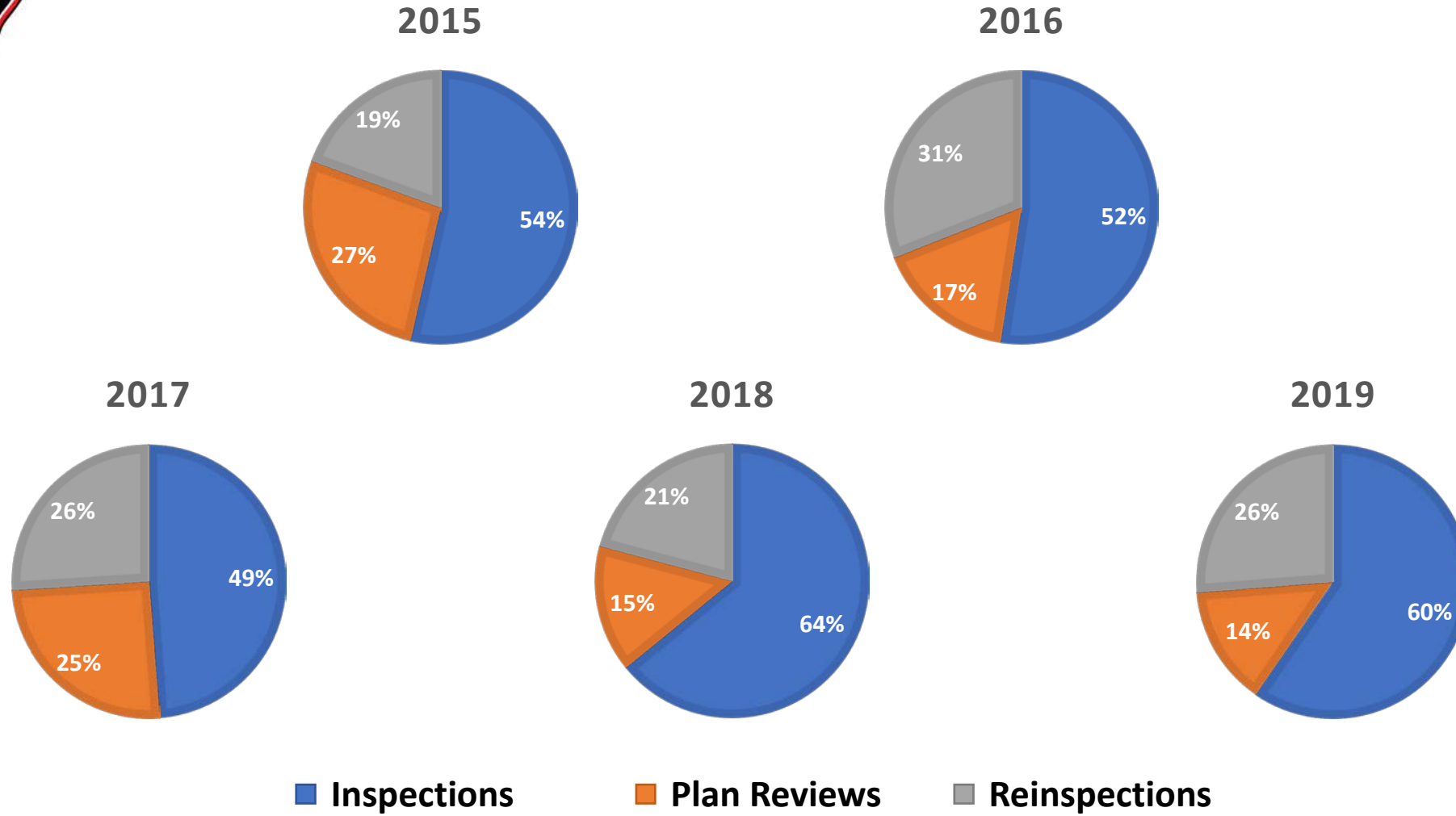


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\*2018 – 2 vacant Level 3  
Inspector positions  
\*2020 and 2021 were  
excluded due to Covid  
variables



# Time Demand by Inspection Type





# Inspections by Inspection Level



Level 1 Inspections  
**3800+**



Level 2 Inspections  
**1300+**



Level 3 Inspections  
**300+**



# In Summary

Accountability and Compliance

Revenue and Cost Recovery for the city

Staffing and Resources for service delivery to meet 100% of mandated inspections

By creating safe spaces for citizens and visitors as well as maintaining ISO class 1 and a Nationally Accredited status we are supporting the city's mission statement of being the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America