



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**



**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

**DATE:** August 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**COVID19 Update**



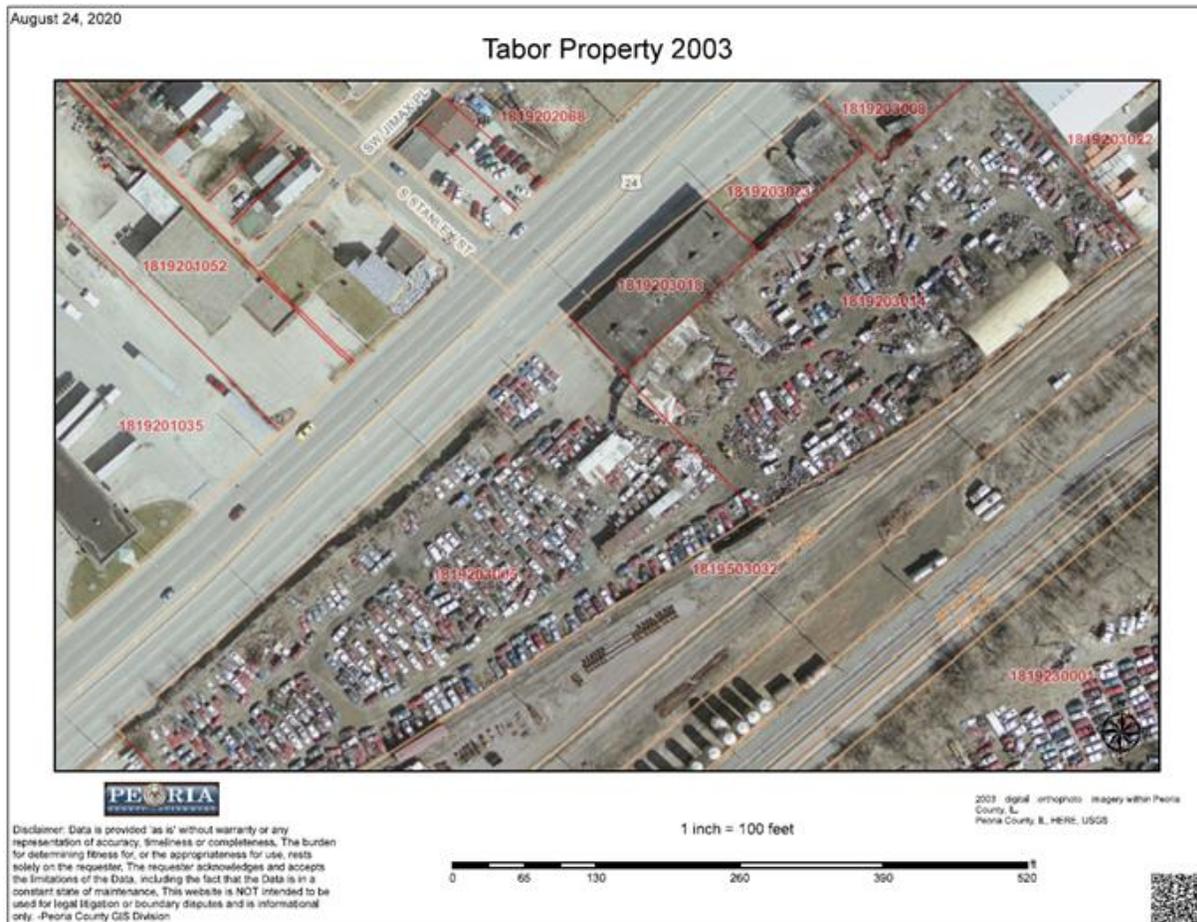
Did you know that the City and the County post weekly updated videos that provide information on the current COVID19 status in our region and answer updated questions about the virus?

To view, visit the [City of Peoria Facebook page](#)

Or the [NEWS](#) page on the Peoria City/County Health Department website.

For updated information on COVID19, visit the [Peoria City/County Health Department website](#).

**Community Development- EPA Regional Administrator Thiede Visits Brownfield Grant Site**



On Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Kurt Thiede joined Community Development staff to tour the brownfield site at 3540-3600 SW Adams Street He was joined First District Council Member Denise Moore and At-Large Council Member, Sid Ruckriegel at the site.

In May of 2020, the EPA awarded the city of Peoria \$500,000 in cleanup funds for the site. The remediation plan will involve removing all the contaminated soil, capping, and placing in clean fill. Once remediated, the goal is to utilize this space as a commercial site with industrial/light-industrial/mixed use

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The location, referred to as the former Tabor Property (3540- 3600 SW Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois 61605), consists of 5.4 acres of 5 contiguous parcels that were acquired by the city of Peoria in 2013 and 2015. The site was previously a junkyard/salvage yard, railroad storage yard, bulk oil and gasoline filling station, TV sales, real estate office, and used car sales.

For more information on the Brownfield Grant, please contact Grants Coordinator Ben Krokum at [bkrokum@peoriagov.org](mailto:bkrokum@peoriagov.org).



### **Economic Development--Peoria City Council Approves two new Revolving Loan products as Response to COVID-19**

On August 25, the Peoria City Council approved use of CARES ACT funding to create new RLF Program. Named the **Peoria Business Recovery Loan Program**, the goal is to provide critical gap financing to small businesses and entrepreneurs *adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic within the City of Peoria*. Funds provided for the new RLF came through EDA under the CARES Act. Key legislation was passed to allow RLF operators to deploy funds quickly and make capital more accessible. EDA has waived certain administrative rules to aid the deployment of this capital quickly. Examples of the administrative waivers allow for **interest rates as low as 0%**, funding up to 100% of the project, and primary/sole-source lending.

In addition to providing individualized loans up to \$250,000, staff developed two standardized loan products (the Business Capacity Conversion (BCC) loan and the Business Two Landlord (B2L) Partnership Loan) to deploy funds strategically and quickly. Both loan products have been designed and tailored for businesses dealing with critical financial issues under COVID-19. Businesses will be able to obtain attractive, competitive, and flexible financing with conversion features with varying interest rates, amortization periods, deferred payments based on the shape of the recovery and their capacity to generate revenue.

The BCC and B2LP loan instruments can be used separately or together for a given project and layered with other financing provided the funding used for a given loan is not duplicated with other financing instruments. The **BCC loan is geared towards business needing working capital**

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and the **B2L Partnership Loan is geared for businesses and landlords partnering** via their leasing agreement to encourage repayment, reinstatement, forbearance, and/or modification of their lease.

These new funds will provide more capital for businesses adversely affected by COVID-19. The City would also have a greater capacity to support social and economically disadvantaged business enterprises. The program seeks to preserve and create jobs by making capital more accessible.

For more information on this and other incentives you can contact Economic Development by [economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org](mailto:economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org) or by phone at 309 494-8640

### **Peoria Police Department-Promotions and Retirements**

August has been BUSY at the PPD – busy in a good way! Promotions mean retirements and retirements mean an ending and a whole new beginning. So, let's get right to it:

Congratulations to Sgt Brad Scott! Working 3rd shift in Patrol Operations much of his career - we wish Sgt Scott well in his next chapter and the luxury of sleeping at night (unless of course after all these years he's a permanent night owl)!



**the next part is going to sound like a rollcall, here go the promotions:**

CONGRATULATIONS to PPD's newly promoted: Assistant Chief Doug Theobald, Captain Brad Dixon (Criminal & Special Investigations Division), Lieutenant Dave Armstrong (Patrol Operations), Sergeant Donna Nicholson (Patrol Operations), and Sergeant Mike Ott (Patrol Operations)!



**Public Works—Railroad Makes a Comeback in Peoria: Public Works fixes roadway following resurrection of tracks**

A bit of Peoria history popped up on the City's north valley this past week and it caused some setbacks for drivers. Peoria Public Works unearthed more than 30 feet of 19<sup>th</sup> century steel railroad track along Northeast Adams Street near the intersection of Abingdon Street.





The track was overlaid decades ago by what is now Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Route 29. A portion of the road had been experiencing heaving while another section had bits of railway protruding through the asphalt.

Workers dug through the road surface surrounding the tracks on Wednesday, August 19, and discovered the cause was due to aging railroad ties that had rotted and were no longer able to hold the steel tracks in place. Crews removed the steel and replaced nearly 500 square feet of the roadway on Friday, August 21.



**Treasurer's Office –Three Ways to Pay Fines, Fees, and Taxes at City Hall (and there's an online option, too)**



The public now has three different ways to pay for their bills while at City Hall. You can enter the building from Fulton Street and go directly to the Treasurer's Office and pay in person, use the drop box in the Fulton entrance door way OR use the walk up window on the west side of the building (facing the Sonar Tide sculpture).

Would rather pay online? Online payment options can be found [HERE](#)



**Payment box and envelopes in the Fulton Street entrance**

**NEW—Walk up window on the east side of City Hall (facing the Sonar Tide Sculpture)**



**Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat**

Since March, staff and volunteers from Peoria Public Schools, Sodexo Food Service and The Salvation Army have distributed 513,851 meals to children. Throughout the spring and summer, breakfast and lunch were available each Monday, Wednesday and Friday to anyone under 18.

The current summer meal program will continue through Friday, August 28,

Beginning August 31, meals will be available only to Peoria Public School students. Students will use their ID number to receive meals and staff will be available to assist with ID numbers.

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Meals will be available for pick-up at every building except Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center (VHECEC), Woodruff Career and Technical Center (WCTC), Knoxville Center for Student Success (KCSS) and Washington Gifted Middle School.

Families can pick up meals from any building site and multiple meals can be picked up for families with more than one student. Students will be able to choose different options to assemble the meals they want.

Meals will be distributed from the front entrance of each building from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at K-8 buildings and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at high school buildings.

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn has been devastating to many of the families we serve. Peoria Public Schools will continue to be a reliable, consistent source of nutritious meals for its students.

Serve passionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat".

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

**DRB Agenda**

Please see attached.

**Peoria Cares Monthly Reports for July**

Please see attached.

# WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Date: 8/26/2020**

This summary document is produced on a weekly basis. It is used as an agenda for the City Development Review Board and as a transparency tool to allow the public to be aware of development in Peoria.

### 1. Summary Information

- **One Stop Shop** is held every Monday at 1:30 PM in City Hall. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various City departments, local utility companies, the Health Department, and CityLink.
- **Development Center Permits** can typically be issued immediately and/or do not require an extensive review period. These permits include most trade (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) permits, repair permits, new single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions.
- Each permit application includes a self-reported value of the project. The **Total Value of Development (YTD)** is the sum of these reported values.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	0	19
Development Center Permits Issued	58	1,297
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$715,875	\$133,990,149

### 2. Development Review Board Projects

- The **Development Review Board** is a group of City staff, local utility representatives, and other local government agencies that review and comment on more complex development applications and cases that are required to go to a public hearing.
- A **Job** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance but does not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- A **Project** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance and requires a public hearing before a City Commission and in some cases, a final decision by the City Council.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each Job or Project is the primary contact person for any inquires.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
Job 20-1146	2202 W Miners 09-30-226-042	Residential Alteration	Solar Panels – Eagle Point Solar	5	LA
Job 20-1147	1026 W Teton Dr 14-08-453-002	Residential Alteration	Solar Panels – Eagle Point Solar	4	KS
Job 20-1170	7210 N Northaven Ln 14-09-326-014	Residential Alteration	Solar Panels – Solar Power Midwest	3	KW
Job 20-1178	401 SW Water St 18-09-406-007	Commercial Alteration	Interior Alteration – Iron Front LLC	1	JN

#### Additional Activity

- These projects are not subject to review by the Development Review Board.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
Job 20-1169	7810 N Route 91	Sign	Signs – Integrity Bank	5	LA

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Job 20-1196	4424 N Sheridan 14-21-354-001	Sign	Signs – Neff Accounting	3	KW
Job 20-1197	3919 N University 14-29-178-009	Sign	Signs – Members Choice Credit Union	4	KS

**3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

- **Certificates of Occupancy** are issued after the work authorized by a permit has been inspected and substantially meets all applicable codes and regulations.

Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
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**4. Peoria City/County Health Department License Information**

- The **Peoria City/County Health Department** licenses multiple types of food establishments. The information in this table is provided for informational purposes only.

Address	Business Name	Description	Council District
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- The following table provides contact information for the **Community Development Staff** who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

<b>Community Development Department Staff Contact Information</b>			
Leah Allison (LA) Senior Urban Planner	494-8667	Kimberly Smith (KS) Senior Urban Planner	494-8612
Josh Naven (JN) Senior Urban Planner	494-8657	Kerilyn Weick (KW) Senior Urban Planner	494-8606
Craig Reid (CR) Building Inspector	494-8925	Wes Stickelmaier (WS) Building Inspections Coordinator	494-8608
Rich Storm (RS) Plumbing Inspector	494-8632	Matt Ziller (MZ) Building Inspector	494-8628

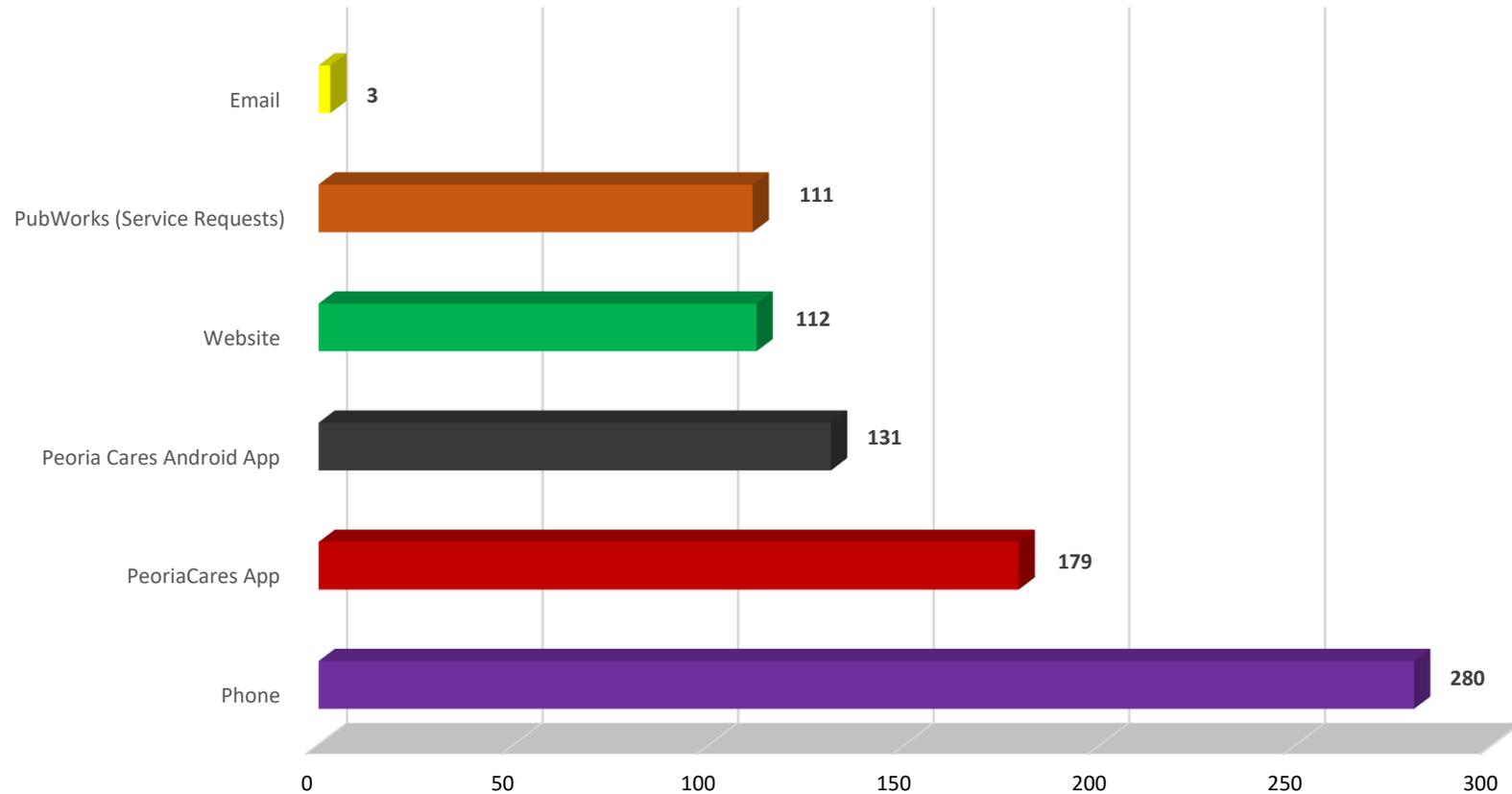
# *Peoria Cares*



## *2020 Monthly Report*

***From: The Office of the City Manager  
Presented to: City of Peoria, Mayor and Council Members  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020***

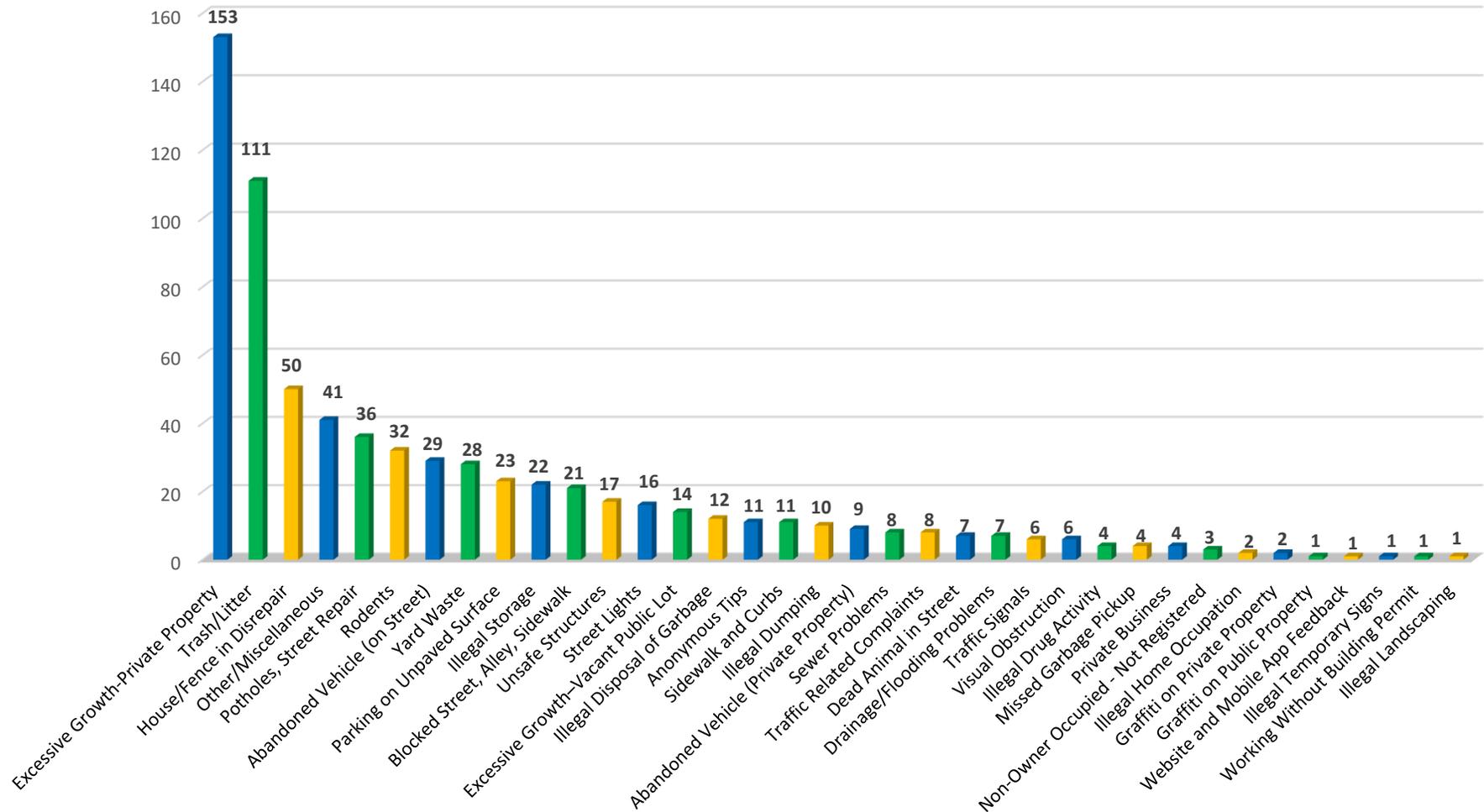
## Peoria Cares Communication Transactions During the Month of July



In July, a total of 1,246 calls were received from the Peoria Cares phone line. There were 280 phone calls that generated a Peoria Cares case and 111 phone calls that produced service requests. The cases were sent to the appropriate City Department(s). Each department handled the complaint from start to finish. Every call will always receive an optimum level of customer service; during this time period, there were calls that varied in response. In addition, some of the Peoria Cares phone calls required, research and information gathering for other assistance and services offered, in the Greater Peoria Tri-County Communities.



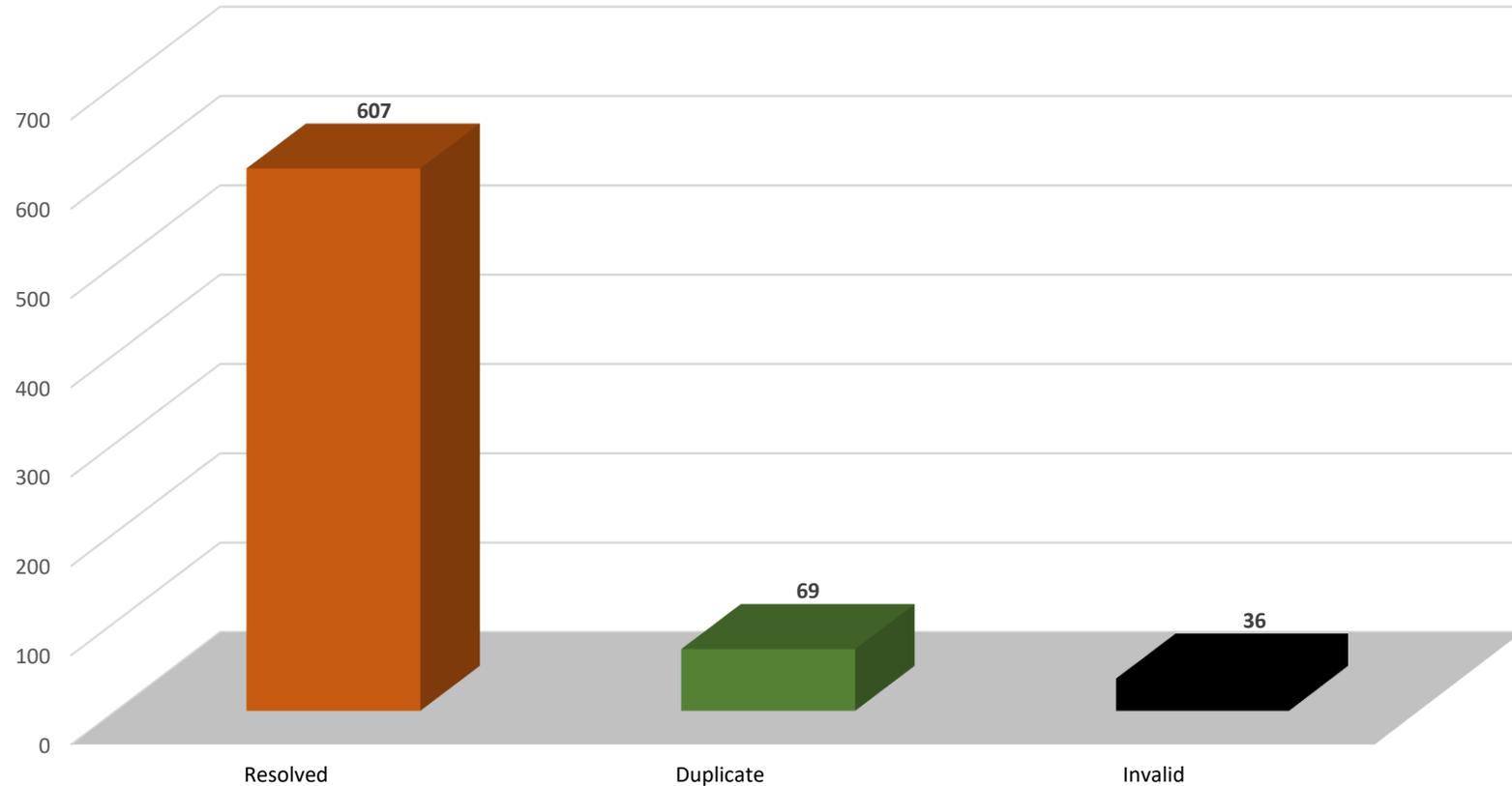
## Peoria Cares July 2020 Complaints by Category



There was a total of 712 Peoria Cares complaints that were submitted in the month of July. These complaints have been drilled down and categorized to indicate their status.



## Peoria Cares July 2020 Complaint Status



Out of the 712 Peoria Cares complaints, there were zero unresolved complaints. Each month, our goal is to follow-up with all departments unresolved complaints, to ensure we can quickly respond to each citizen's needs.

