

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

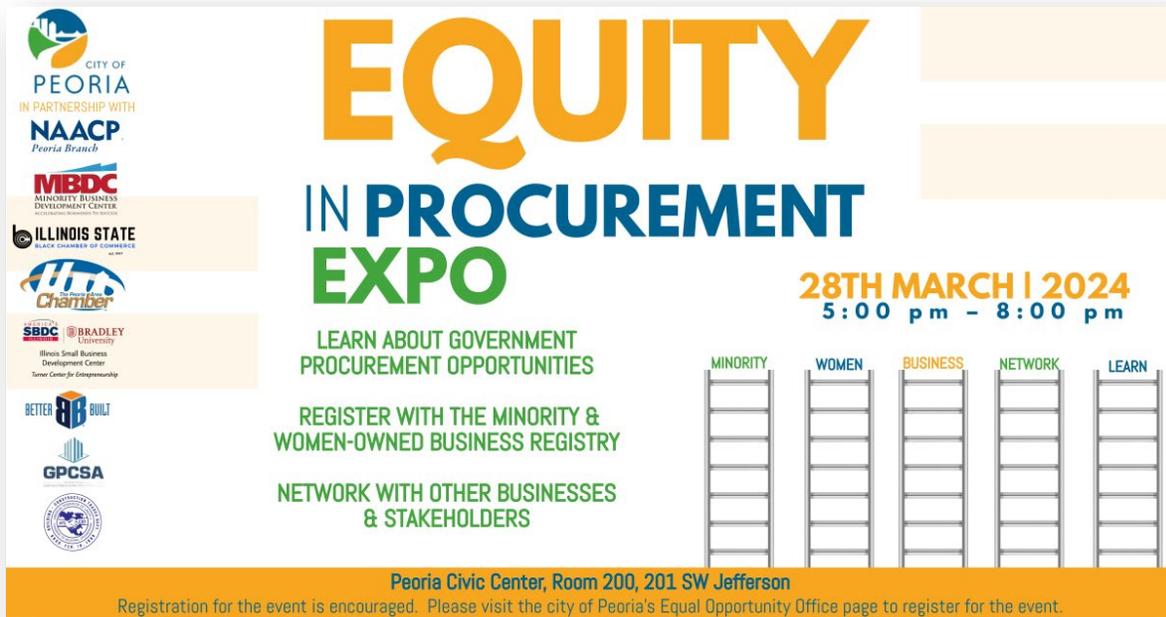
**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager 

**DATE:** March 7, 2024

**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.

**City of Peoria to Host Equity in Procurement Expo on March 28**



The poster for the Equity in Procurement Expo features a white background with a yellow and green color scheme. On the left side, there is a vertical column of logos for partner organizations: City of Peoria, NAACP Peoria Branch, MBDC (Minority Business Development Center), Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater Peoria Chamber of Commerce, SBDC at Bradley University, Better Built, and GPCSA. The main title 'EQUITY IN PROCUREMENT EXPO' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'EQUITY' in large yellow letters, 'IN PROCUREMENT' in blue, and 'EXPO' in green. To the right of the title, the date and time '28TH MARCH | 2024 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm' are listed. Below the title, three green bullet points describe the event's focus: 'LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES', 'REGISTER WITH THE MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REGISTRY', and 'NETWORK WITH OTHER BUSINESSES & STAKEHOLDERS'. On the right side, there are five vertical ladders representing different categories: MINORITY, WOMEN, BUSINESS, NETWORK, and LEARN. At the bottom, the location 'Peoria Civic Center, Room 200, 201 SW Jefferson' is provided, along with a registration note: 'Registration for the event is encouraged. Please visit the city of Peoria's Equal Opportunity Office page to register for the event.'

The city of Peoria, in partnership with the Peoria NAACP, the Minority Business Development Center, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Peoria Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center at Bradley University, Better Built, West Central Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association will host the Equity in Procurement Expo on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Peoria Civic Center, Room 200, 201 SW Jefferson.

The event will allow attendees to learn about the City's procurement process, register with the City's [Minority and Women-Owned Business Registry](#), and meet with additional government agencies. Light refreshments will be served, and free parking will be available in the Civic Center parking lot at Monroe and Fulton Streets.

The event will begin with brief presentations from the State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion and their Business Enterprise Program and presentations from the Minority Business Development Center and Bradley University's Small Business Development Center. Representatives from Peoria County, Peoria Public Schools, Peoria Park District, Greater Peoria Sanitary District, CityLink, West Peoria, Illinois Central College, and the construction trades will also be on-site.

Mayor Ali stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity for minority business owners to learn more about the government procurement process and opportunities to do business with the city and other government entities. This event aims to foster diversity, increase economic empowerment, and grow local businesses within our community."

Registration for the event is encouraged. Please visit the [city of Peoria's Equal Opportunity Office page](#).

### **Community Development - 2024 Neighborhood Mini Grant Program**

The city of Peoria will accept applications for the Neighborhood Mini Grant Program from Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM through Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

The Neighborhood Mini Grant Program provides neighborhood and homeowner associations funding for projects that improve neighborhoods and build community. The maximum funding amount per project is \$5,000. Applicants must show proof of community support for their project. Projects must be completed, and all funds must be spent by Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **Eligible projects include:**

- Security cameras
- Block parties
- Tree-plantings (non-fruit bearing) and landscaping
- Public space improvements such as benches, picnic tables, shelters, or pergolas
- Outreach
- Placemaking
- Public art

## How To Apply

There are three ways to apply to the Neighborhood Mini Grant Program.

- Online: Visit the [Neighborhood Mini Grant](#) page
- Call: (309) 494-8600
- In-Person: Visit City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

The application period begins at 8:00 AM on Monday, March 4th, and ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed by City staff and decisions will be made in mid-April.

For more information, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea by [email](#) or by calling 309-494-8624.

## **Community Development Applications for Non-Profit Capital Program Close on Friday, March 8**

The city of Peoria will be accepting applications for the Non-Profit Capital Program from Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM through Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This program supports local non-profits that serve low-income community members in Peoria.

The Non-Profit Capital Program is made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act. Application requests must be between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Program funds must be used for capital expenses for the organization. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Structural improvements, such as a roof replacement
- Installation of a major mechanical system
- Purchase of vans to transport clients
- Other major structural needs

Program funds cannot be used for ongoing operating costs or maintenance costs. Examples of ineligible projects include:

- Purchasing land or buildings
- Purchasing construction equipment
- Staff expenses
- Office furnishings or supplies

### How to Apply

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Interested nonprofits may apply online at the [Non-Profit Capital Program page](#). Applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission and applicants will be notified of the funding decision following City Council approval.

For more information, please contact the Grants Division at 309-494-8600 or [by email](#).

### **Community Development - Utility Assistance Program Applications Close Friday, March 8**

The city of Peoria is accepting applications for the Utility Assistance Program Lottery from Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This program pays overdue gas and electric bills for residents who are at risk of having their power disconnected when shut-offs resume in the spring. The city will make payments directly to Ameren Illinois to pay for any delinquent amount owed plus one current month's bill up to \$5,000 per household.

#### To qualify, applicants:

- Must have overdue gas and electric bills with Ameren Illinois
- Must be at or below the income limit for the household size
- Cannot be receiving LIHEAP assistance or other ongoing utility assistance
- Cannot live in multi-family public housing units

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Income	\$50,600	\$57,800	\$65,050	\$72,050	\$78,050	\$83,850

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### Lottery Information

The lottery will be held online via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.** You do not need to attend the lottery to be selected. You can attend the lottery through your

computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting this link: <https://meet.goto.com/CityPZC/utility-assistance-lottery> and typing in the access code: 681-269-069.

All applicants will be contacted by City staff in the days following the drawing. The list of selected applicants, including the waitlist, will be posted online.

For questions, please contact the Development Center or [grants@peoriagov.org](mailto:grants@peoriagov.org)

## UTILITY ASSISTANCE LOTTERY



**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 8**

**Assistance available up to \$5,000 for households with overdue electric and gas bills**

- Must have overdue gas and electric bills with Ameren Illinois
- Cannot be receiving LIHEAP assistance or other ongoing utility assistance

**Lottery will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 12 at 10 AM**

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Maximum Income	\$50,600	\$57,800	\$65,050	\$72,050	\$78,050	\$83,850

**APPLY TODAY:**

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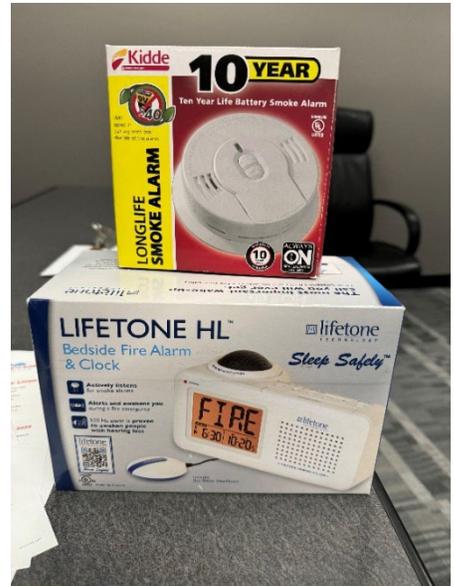
### **Peoria Fire Department – Sound the Alarm**

The city of Peoria, in partnership with the American Red Cross, held a press conference at Central Fire Station, 505 NE Monroe on March 7 to announce the “Sound the Alarm” campaign. This campaign, established by the American Red Cross, promotes the importance of having properly working smoke alarms in the home. The goal of the campaign is to install free smoke alarms nationwide. Speakers at today’s event included Fire Chief Shawn Sollberger, Division Chief of Fire Prevention, Nathaniel Rice, Lynda Hruska, Regional Executive Director of American Red Cross, and Tim Gronewold, Chairman of the Board for American Red Cross.

Residents may sign up for a free, ten-year, built-in battery smoke alarm. To register your household for a free smoke alarm and installation, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/PeoriaSmokeAlarm24>

The Peoria Fire Department is a proud partner in this effort. Division Chief of Fire Prevention, Nathaniel Rice, stated, “I’ve seen firsthand the difference a simple fire alarm can make. It’s not just a device; it’s a lifeline. It’s the first line of defense in saving lives and preventing disasters.”

The National Fire Protection Association suggests that working smoke alarms decrease the chance of dying in a fire by fifty-five percent. The Peoria Fire Department, along with the American Red Cross, encourages all community members to have properly installed smoke alarms.



For more information, visit the [Sound the Alarm website](#).

### **Peoria Police Department- What a Treat, Wednesday, February 28, 2024**



Eleven-year-old Brooke and her parents stopped by PPD Headquarters on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, with boxes and boxes of Girl Scout cookies for officers and staff. Brooke purchased the cookies with proceeds collected from her lemonade stand last summer.



**Peoria Public Works – Eastbound Lanes of Glen Avenue Between Dawn Drive and University Street to Close on Monday, March 11**

*Head-to-head traffic pattern will begin on Glen Avenue starting Monday*

Beginning on Monday, March 11, both eastbound lanes of W Glen Avenue will be closed between N Dawn Drive and N University Street. N Nelson Drive at W Glen Avenue also will be closed to all traffic.

**The closure of both eastbound lanes and the intersection of N Nelson Drive at W Glen Avenue is expected to last until late summer, weather permitting.**

A head-to-head traffic configuration will be utilized for eastbound and westbound traffic on Glen Avenue between N Dawn Drive and N University Street. Drivers should be aware of the traffic pattern change when turning eastbound onto Glen Avenue from N Dawn Drive, or when crossing N University onto Glen Avenue.

Drivers should exercise extreme caution in the area, follow posted speed limits, and watch for these lane closures. The use of alternative routes, when possible, is advised. These lane closures are necessary for pavement reconstruction work as part of the Glen Avenue Reconstruction Project.

**Peoria Public Works - Yard Waste Collection Resumes Monday, March 18**

Start planning yard clean-up projects now as city-wide yard waste collection will begin again on Monday, March 18.

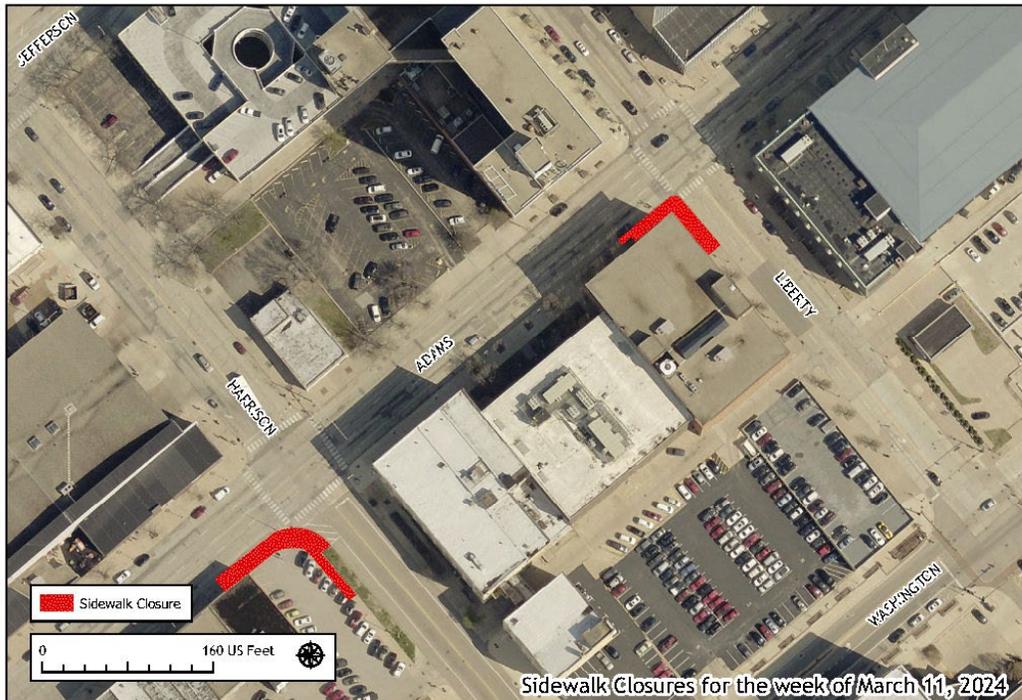
Yard waste materials include grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, and brush. Limbs and sticks can be bundled with nonmetallic cords, such as twine, but must be less than five feet in length and weigh less than 50 pounds.

For unbundled materials, residents are encouraged to use their own containers. Use plastic or metal garbage cans between 40 and 45 gallons in size, with two handles, and a tight-fitting lid. Wheeled carts that are either 65 or 95 gallons in size are also acceptable. Please label cans or carts with “Yard Waste Only” stickers available at City Hall, Public Works, or any GFL location.

Yard waste collection runs through December 13.

**Peoria Public Works - Adams Street sidewalk removal work to begin Monday, March 11**

**Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue  
One-Way to Two-Way Conversion**



Beginning

Monday, March 11, sidewalk removal work will begin at the intersections of SW Adams Street and Harrison Street, and SW Adams Street and Liberty Street, weather permitting.

While the work occurs, the sidewalks near 400 SW Adams and Harrison Street, and 300 SW Adams Street and Liberty Street will be closed. Pedestrians should use caution near these closures and cross the street at the next available intersection.

Lane and parking restrictions are currently in effect along SW Adams Street. On-street parking restrictions are marked. Drivers should look for unbagged, available parking meters for on-street parking. **If parking meters are bagged with “No Parking” signs, drivers should not park at those spots.**

Additional parking, lane, and sidewalk restrictions will be forthcoming as the Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue One-Way to Two-Way (OWTW) Conversion Project progresses.

Drivers should be mindful of workers in the area and watch for no parking areas. Extra caution should be exercised in the area.

## Peoria Public Schools Update - Recognizing School Social Worker Week



March 3-8<sup>th</sup> is School Social Worker Week and I am excited to celebrate the 19 social workers who work within the halls of Peoria Public Schools. This week, we celebrate the dedication of our school social workers and the profound impact they have on our children, families, colleagues, and the wider community. Each social worker brings a unique skill set and approach to their role, but they share a common perspective: they don't see their work as a job or a way to seek praise. Instead, they view their role as a calling and a means to serve others, evident in their daily provision of support, understanding, and empathy to our students, families, and staff.

Join me in honoring and expressing gratitude to each of our school social workers this week for their vital contributions!

Happy School Social Work Week!

With gratitude,

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed. D

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached Peoria Cares Monthly Report for February

- Please See attached

# WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Date: 02/29/2024 - 03/06/2024**

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	3	7
Development Center Permits Issued	71	493
Total Value of Development	\$ 1,573,006	\$ 16,175,259

### 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.
- Items listed below with the prefixes HPC, PZC or ZBA in the first column are considered **Plans**. **Plans** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance and include a public hearing before a City Commission; in some cases, **Plans** may also require a final decision by the City Council.
- All other items listed below are **Building Permits**. **Building Permits** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance but do not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each item is the primary contact person for any inquiries.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-11773-2024	1001 SW Adams St	Commercial Alteration	Int./Ext/ Alt. – Change of Occupancy	1	JN
PZ-1736-2024	3523 W Willow Knolls Dr	Planning and Zoning Commission	Rezoning R-6 to C-1	5	JR
ZBA-1740-2024	5320 N Sherbrook Ln	Zoning Board of Appeals	Minor Variance	3	KW
PZ-1748-2024	2724 W Reservoir Blvd	Planning and Zoning Commission	Amendment to Special Use – Building addition for indoor pool	4	JR

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## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
RES-11771-2024	3910 W Fiona Way	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JR
SIGN-11795-2024	2200 W Pioneer Pkwy	Permanent Sign	Install 1 freestanding sign – Scherer Volvo	5	JR
RES-11783-2024	10836 N Hunters Trail Ct	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JR
SIGN-11777-2024	9601 N Allen Rd	Permanent Sign	Install 1 wall sign – Hoerr Carpet Cleaning & Water Restoration	5	JR

### 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
128 Green St	Multi-Family Residential	Peoria Housing Authority	3
4010 W Fiona Way	Single-Family Residential	Jodi Construction	5
7130 N Galena Rd	RR/Warehouse Industrial	City of Peoria	5
7301 N Allen Rd	Commercial	Lexus of Peoria	5

### 4. Land Bank Activity

- The **City Land Bank** acquires properties to hold for future development, it transfers properties to new owners when possible, and it demolishes unsafe and abandoned structures to reduce blight in the community.

Properties Acquired			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Received Through
-			

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
-			

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
14-34-178-008	1230 E Gift Ave	3	City - Planned
18-03-102-005	806 E Behrends Ave	3	City - Planned
18-07-432-011	211 S Western Ave	1	Private - Planned

### 5. 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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**WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Community Development Department Contact Information**

Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

**Leah Allison (LA)**  
*Asst. Director of Com. Dev.*  
494-8667

**Josh Naven (JN)**  
*Senior Urban Planner*  
494-8657

**Kerilyn Weick (KW)**  
*Senior Urban Planner*  
494-8606

**Julia Rose (JR)**  
*Urban Planner*  
494-8649

**Rich Storm (RS)**  
*Building Safety Manager*  
494-8632

**Matt Ziller (MZ)**  
*Building Inspector*  
494-8628

**Craig Reid (CR)**  
*Building Inspector*  
494-8925

**Issac Garcia (IG)**  
*Building Inspector*  
494-8921

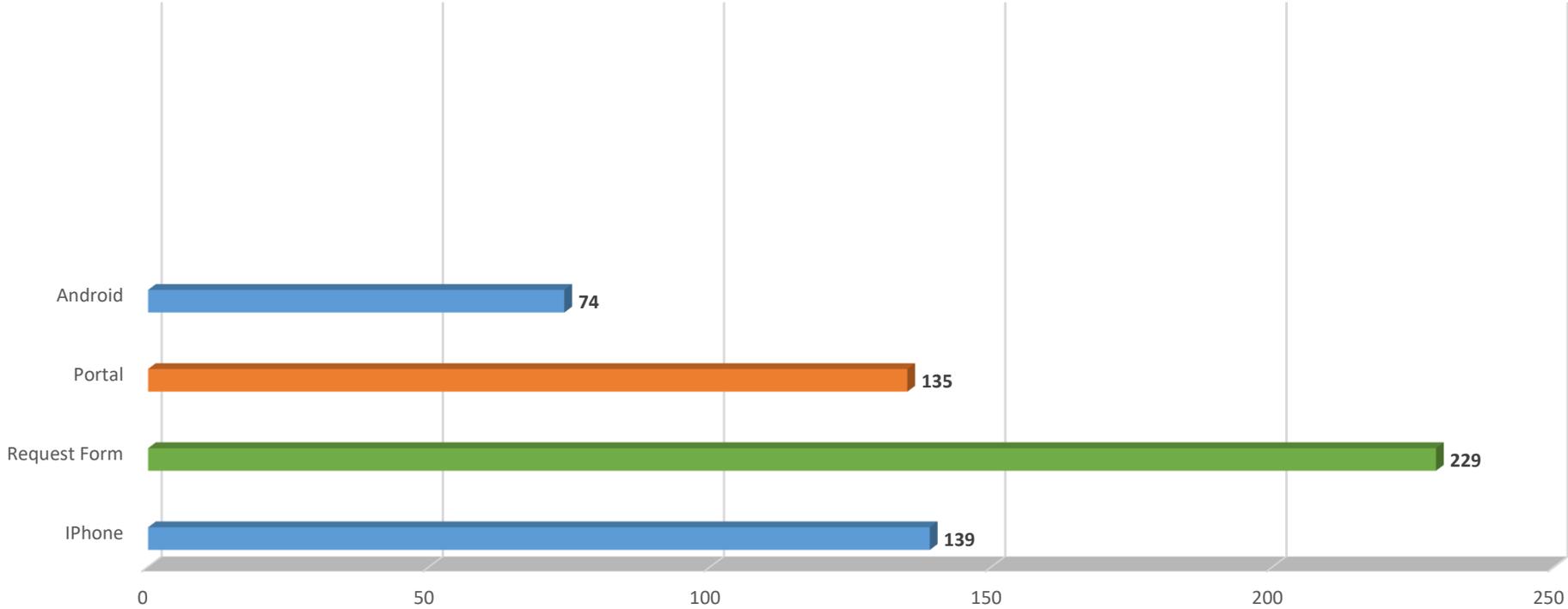
# *Peoria Cares*



## *2024 Monthly Report*

***From: The Office of the City Manager  
Presented to: City of Peoria, Mayor and Council Members  
February 2024***

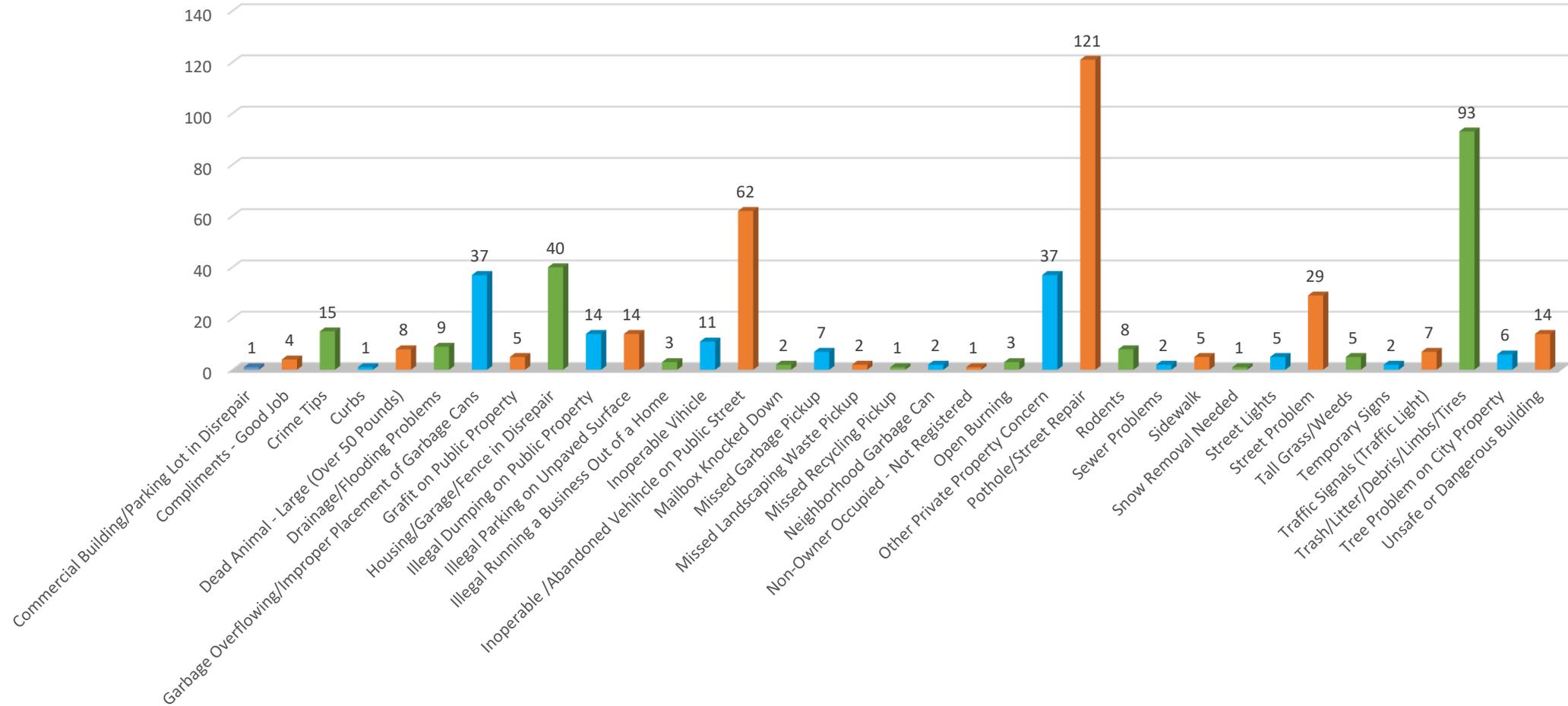
### Peoria Cares Communication Transactions During the Month of February 2024



Total number of cases received: 577



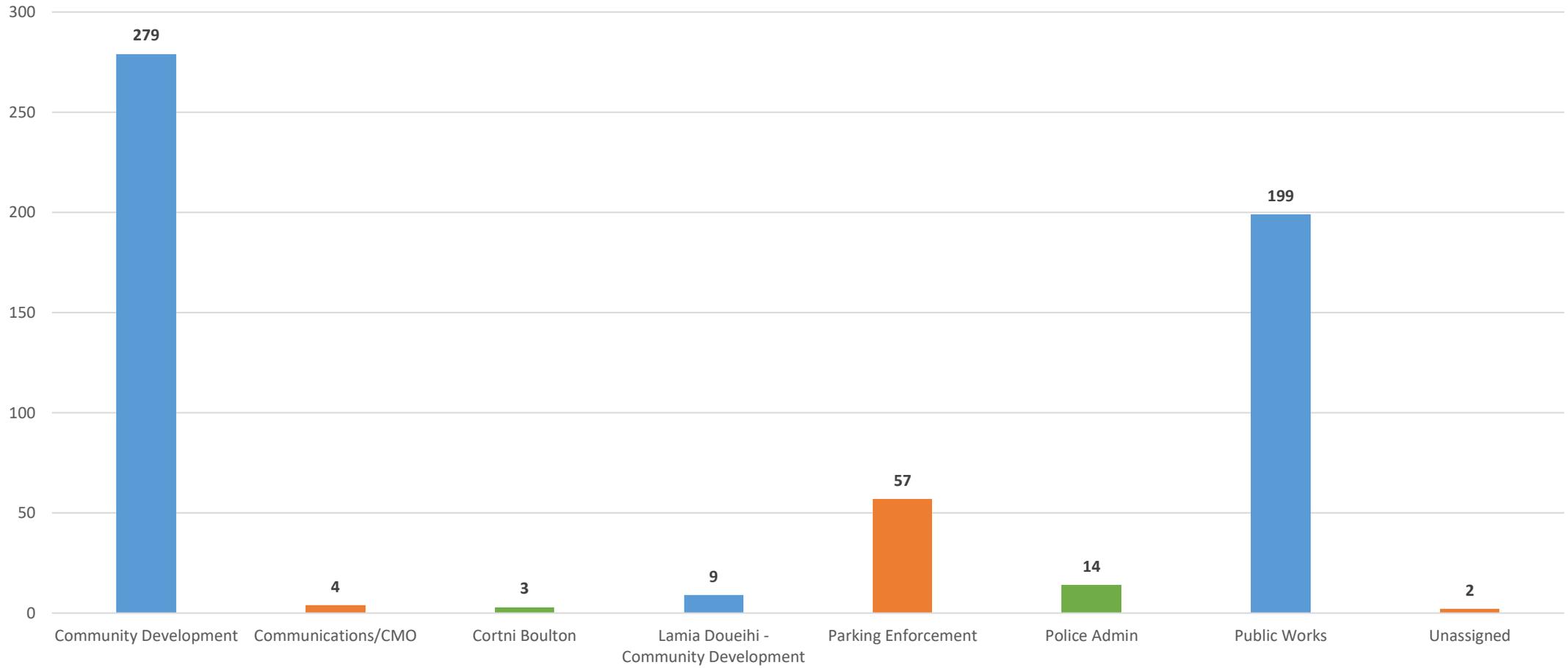
### Peoria Cares February 2024 Complaints by Category



Total number of cases received: 577



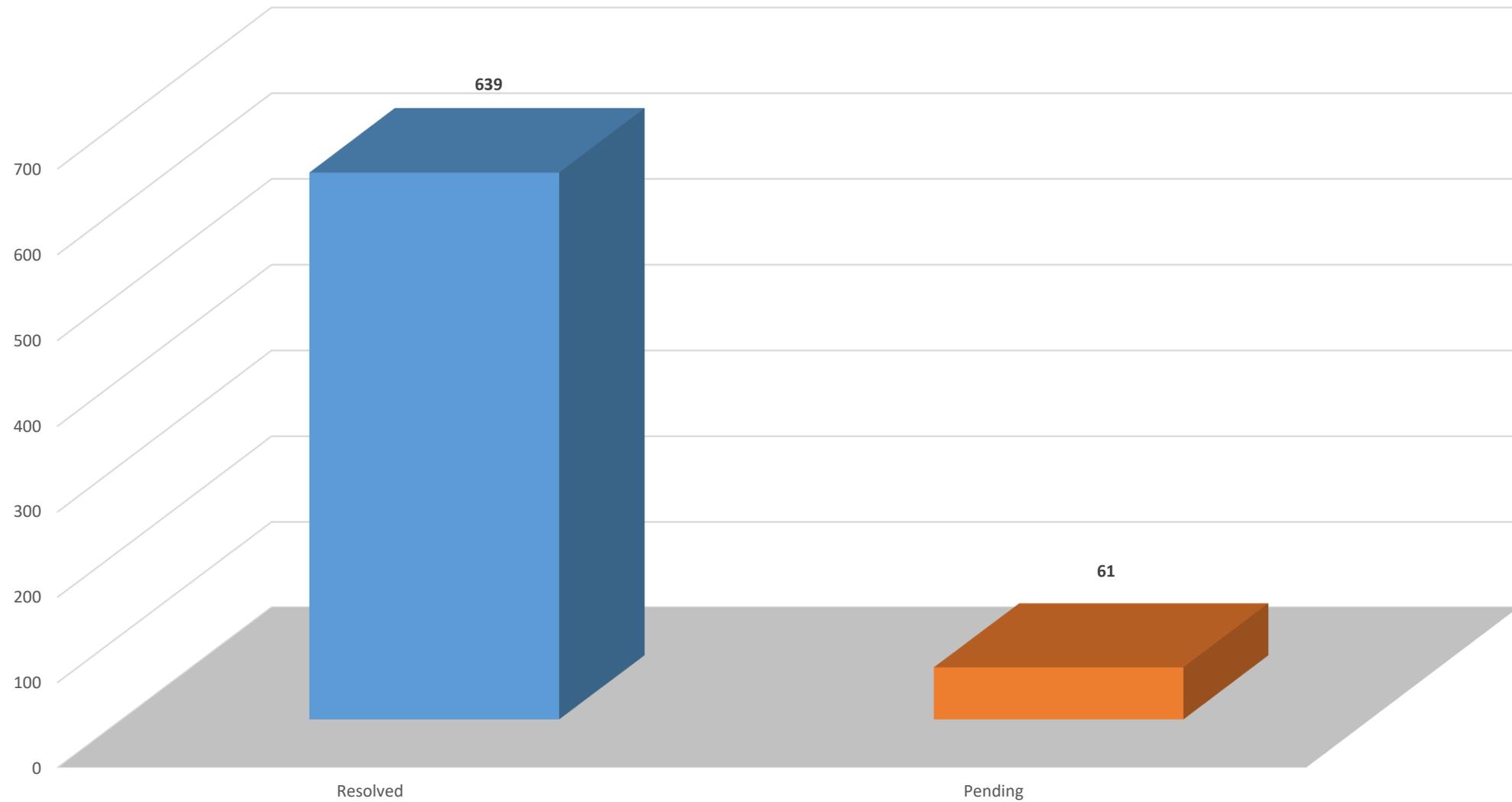
### Peoria Cares February 2024 Complaints by Department



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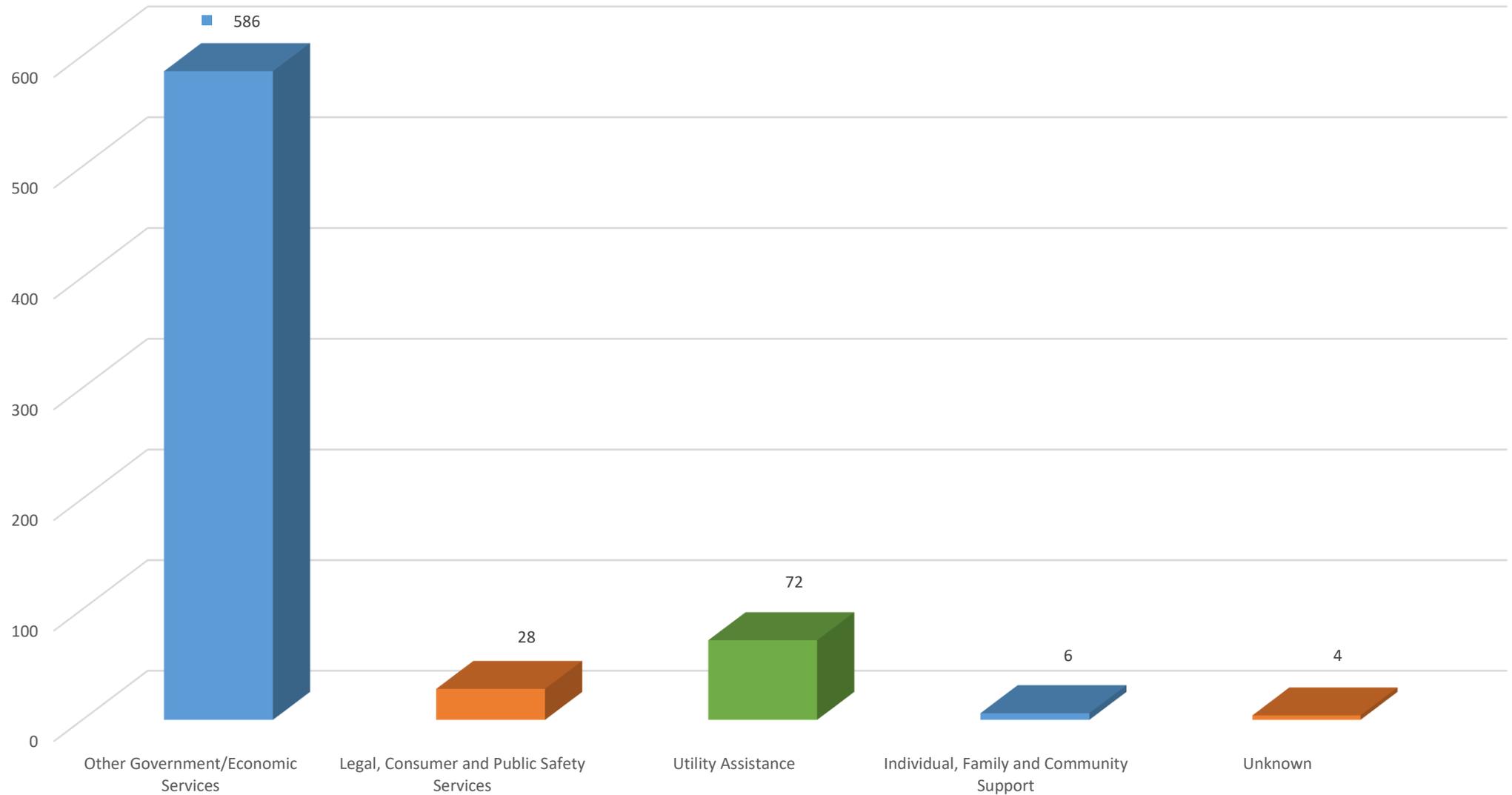
### Peoria Cares February 2024 Complaint Status (as of 03/04/2024)



There are 84 pending tickets from this reporting period as of 03/04/2024.



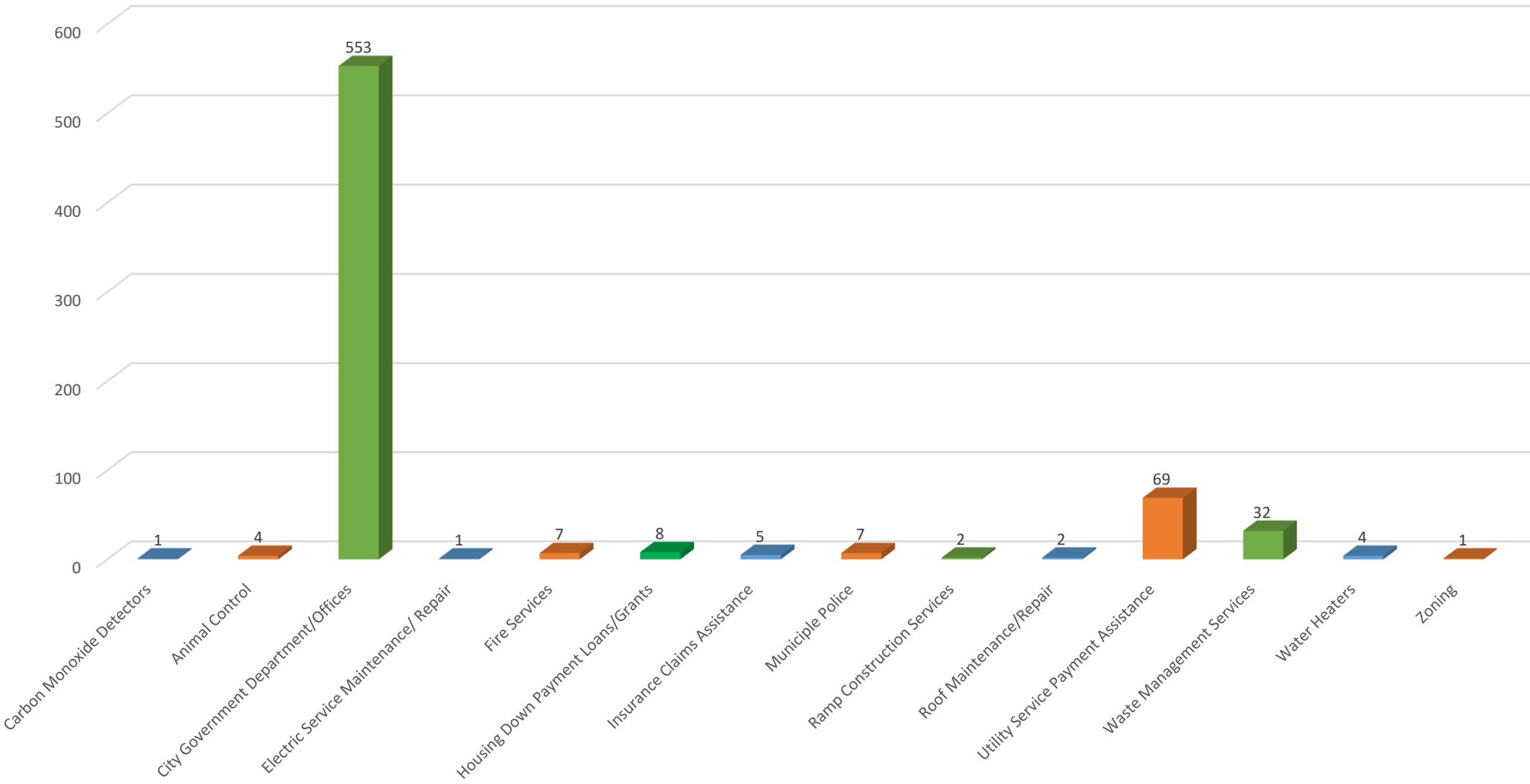
### Overall Need Category of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- February 2024



An additional 696 calls were received that did not fit the Peoria Cares case criteria.

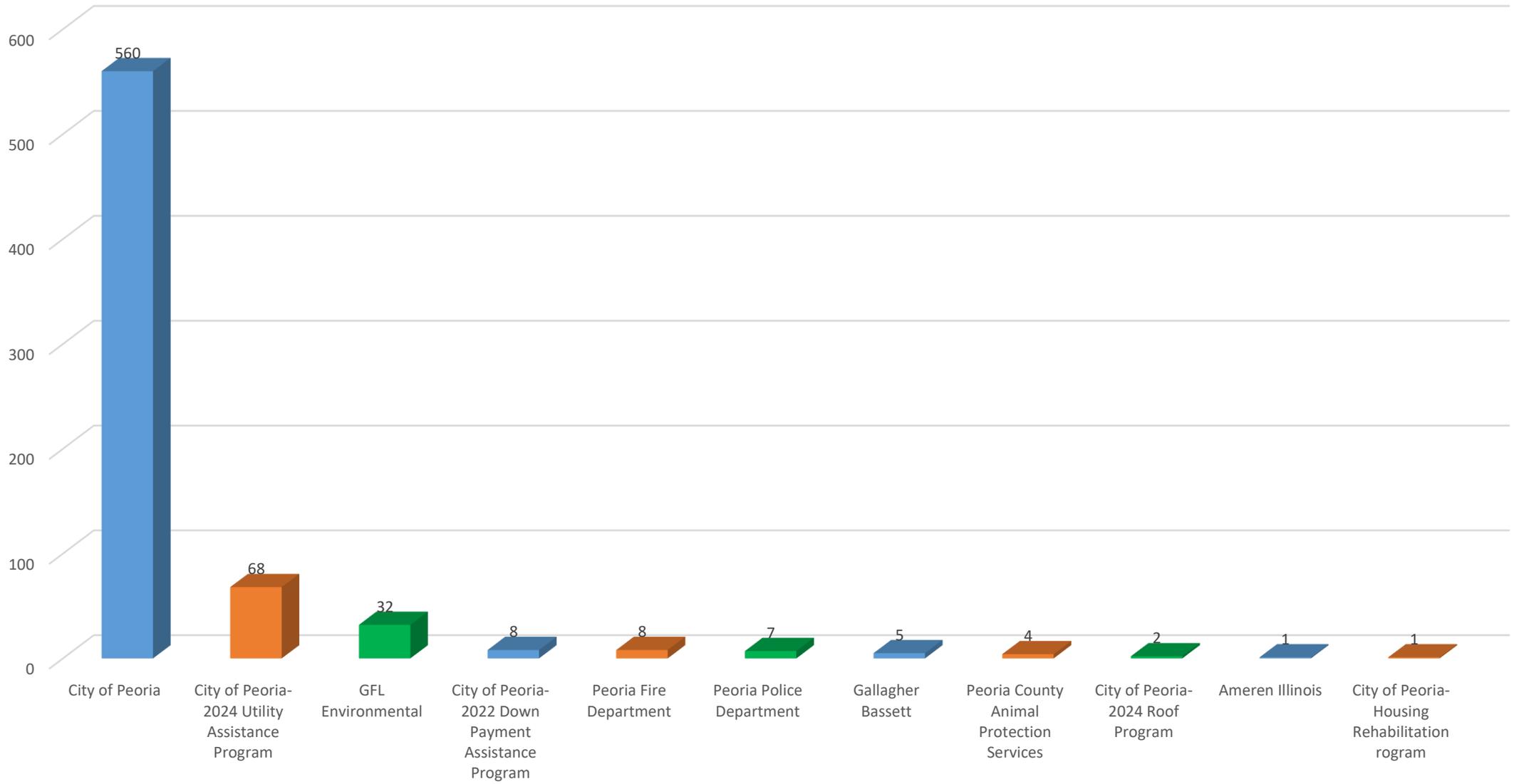


### Service Needs of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- February 2024

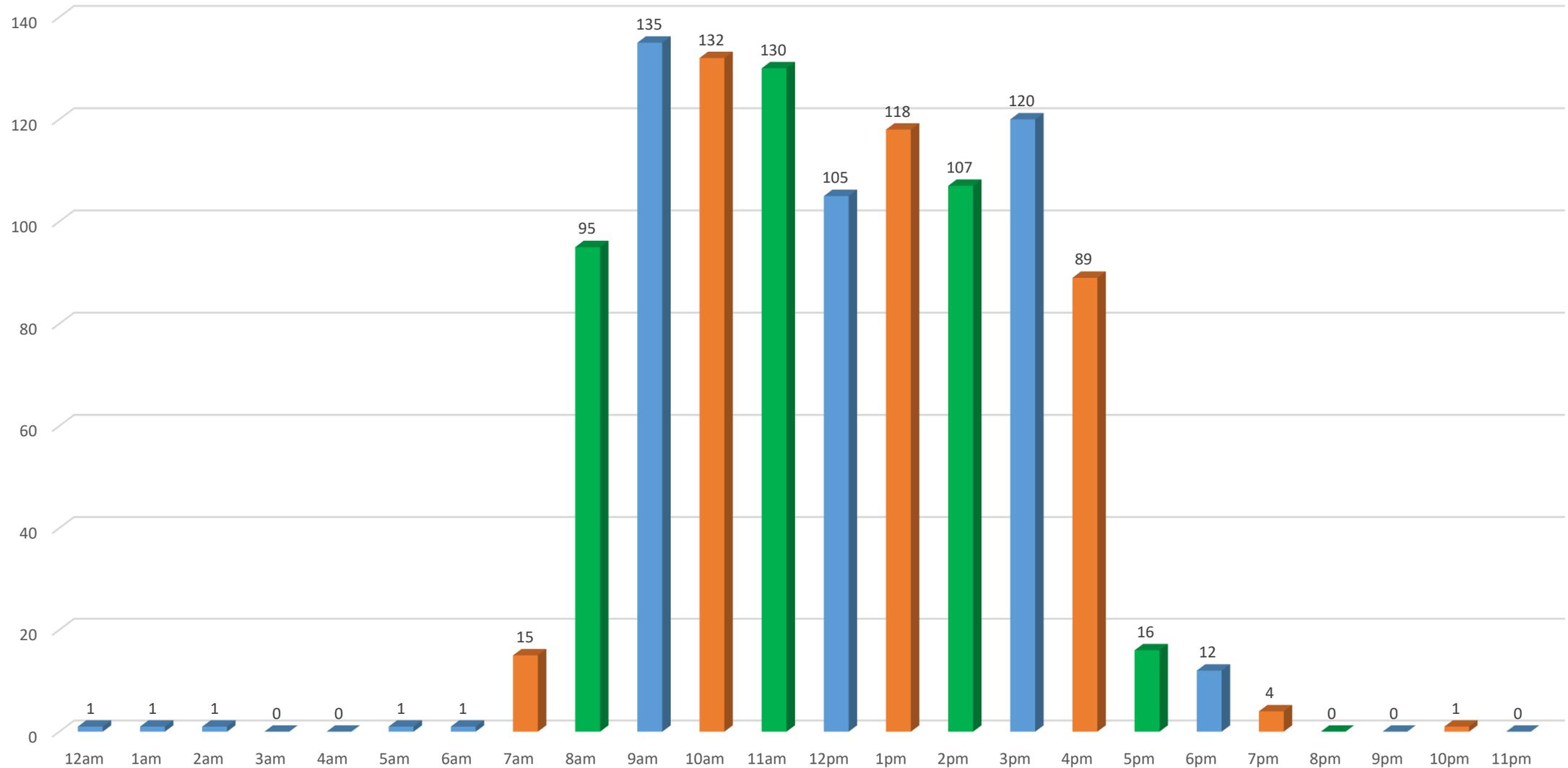


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## Referrals of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- February 2024



## Peoria Cares Calls by Time of Day - February 2024

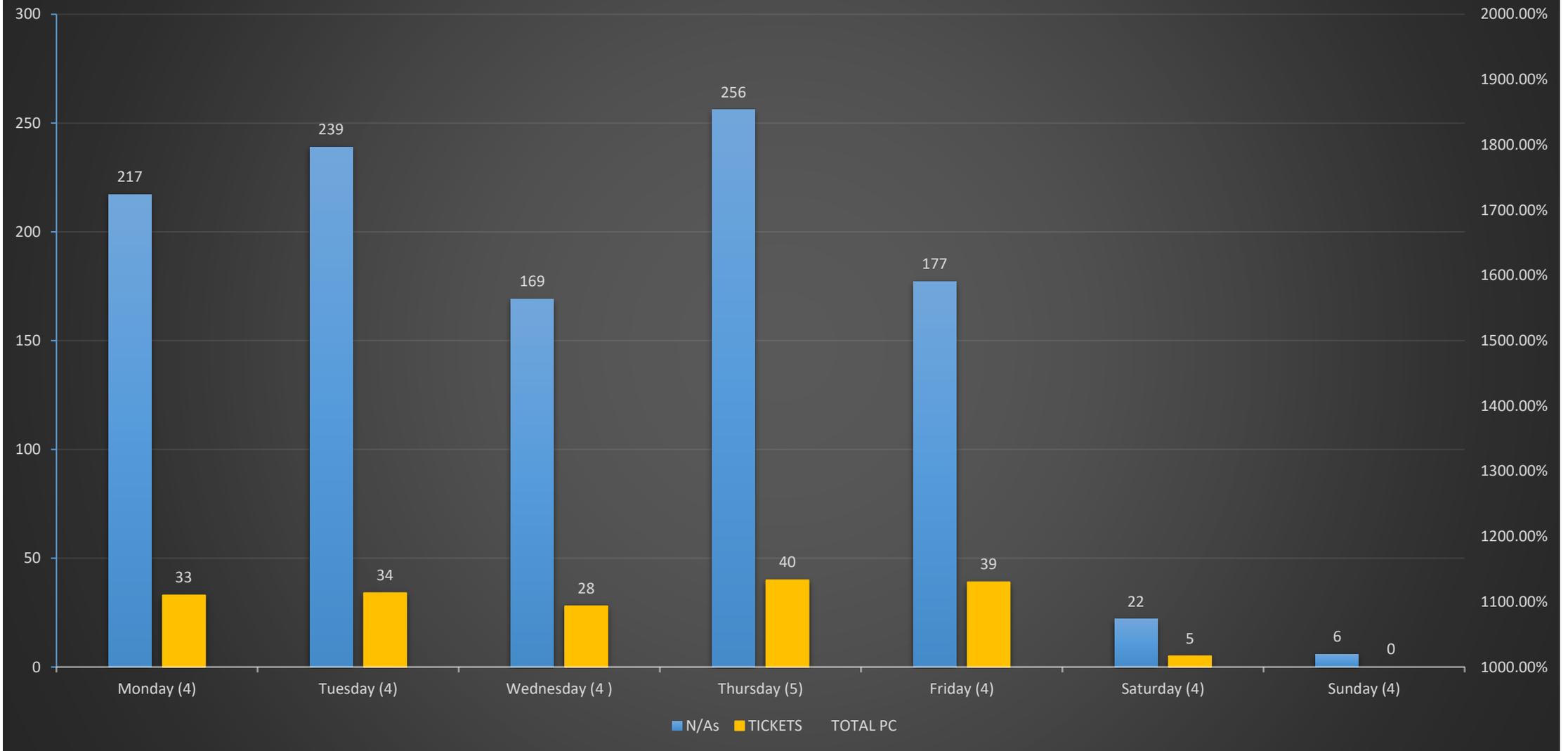


Return calls are made the same business day to each citizen if their call is missed during operational hours or the next business day if it comes in after hours/weekend hours.





## Peoria Cares Call Totals by Day of Week - February 2024



These numbers only reflect phone calls; they do not include emails, walk-ins, or website submissions. Those numbers are reflected in earlier slides. Some phone calls result in multiple Peoria Cares tickets.