



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: February 13, 2025

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.

Peoria Launches Banners and Boxes Beautification Program

The city of Peoria is proud to announce the launch of the Banners and Boxes Beautification Program, a new initiative designed to showcase the talents of local artists while enhancing the downtown and warehouse districts. The program will feature vibrant artwork displayed on electrical boxes and banners on light posts, creating an outdoor gallery that celebrates creativity and enriches the community.

A total of 15 electrical boxes and 100 banners will display the art from local artists. Artists who reside in Peoria or who have a studio in Peoria are encouraged to apply. Up to twenty artists will be selected for banners and up to five artists will be selected for the electrical boxes.

Applications opened on February 1 and will close on March 22, 2025, at 5 p.m. Applications and the policy may be found [on the city's website](#).

“This program reflects Peoria’s dedication to fostering a vibrant and dynamic community,” said Stacy Peterson, Strategic Communications Manager and Staff Liaison to the Public Arts Advisory Commission. “By celebrating our local artists and incorporating their work into our public spaces, we’re enhancing the cultural fabric of our city and creating inviting spaces for residents and visitors alike.” The program was paid for with American Rescue Plan Act funding.



Peoria has long been recognized for its commitment to public art, with an array of sculptures, murals, and iconic architectural designs that define the city’s character. The Banners and Boxes Beautification Program builds on this legacy by transforming everyday infrastructure into canvases for artistic expression.

To apply:

- Go to [the city's website](#) to access the policy and online form
- Select if you want your work considered for a banner or a box
- Upload a high-resolution jpg of your artwork
- Download the banner or box template and sketch how you would like your work featured
- Upload the template with your sketch

Community Development – City Accepting Applications for 2025 Roof Program Lottery

The city of Peoria will be accepting applications for the 2025 Roof Program Lottery from Monday, January 13 through Friday, February 14. This program helps low-income homeowners to finance needed roof repairs.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Own their home and have current homeowners’ insurance
- Be current on property taxes and cannot owe the city any fines or fees
- Be at or below the income limit for the household size

| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Maximum Income | \$51,600 | \$59,000 | \$66,350 | \$73,700 | \$79,600 | \$85,500 |

How to Apply

Applications for the 2025 Roof Program Lottery will be accepted from **Monday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, February 14 at 2 p.m.** There is a limit of one entry per household. Applying to the Roof Program Lottery does not guarantee assistance.

There are three ways to enter the Roof Program Lottery.

- Online: Visit the [Roof Program Lottery page](#)
- Call: (309) 494-8629
- In-Person: Visit City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Lottery Information

The lottery will be held online via GoToMeeting on **Wednesday, February 19 at 10 a.m.**

You can attend the lottery through your computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting this link: <https://meet.goto.com/CityPZC/2025roofprogramlottery>. Those without computer access can call in to the meeting by dialing calling 1-866-899-4679 and typing in the access code: 930-278-829 to enter the meeting.

You do not need to attend the lottery to be selected. 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 at 309-494-8600 or [by email](#).

Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project to Start Again Week of March 3

Beginning the week of March 3, weather-dependent, construction will begin again on the Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Project.

Drivers should be aware that work zones, traffic control, traffic pattern shifts, and parking restrictions will be established on both Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue in the coming weeks.

Parking and lane restrictions will be marked. Parking meters will be bagged with “No Parking” signs. Parking and lane restrictions will change as the project progresses.

Last year, the project focused on upgrading the intersection corners along Adams Street to enhance pedestrian safety.

This year, the project’s primary focus will be upgrading the intersection corners along Jefferson Avenue. Intersection work will occur at Adams Street and William Kumpf Boulevard this year as well.

About the Project

The OWTW Project is a two-and-a-half-year, \$18.9 million project that will convert Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue from one-way to two-way traffic.

The project will include new corner bump-outs to shorten pedestrian crossings, added bike lanes, upgraded traffic signals, and mill and overlays of the existing pavement. The final roadway will have one lane in each direction and a bidirectional turn lane.

Once completed, two-way traffic on Adams Street will run from Pecan Street to Hamilton Boulevard and on Jefferson Avenue from Persimmon Street to Fayette Street. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2026.

To receive weekly updates about the OWTW Project, sign up for email or text notifications [here](#).

Peoria Public Works – Moss Avenue Reconstruction Project Public Meeting Set for Feb. 19

The city of Peoria Department of Public Works will host an informational public meeting regarding the Moss Avenue – Western Avenue to Sheridan Road – Reconstruction Project at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1420 W Moss Ave.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the reconstruction project. Representatives from the City and project team will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding the project. Exhibits and maps will be on display.

For more information regarding the Moss Avenue – Western Avenue to Sheridan Road – Reconstruction Project, contact Public Works at 309-494-8800.

Peoria Public Schools – February Chess Events Coming Up

I am thrilled to invite you to an exciting month of chess events this February! Chess is more than just a game – it sharpens minds, builds confidence, and fosters connections across our community. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, we have opportunities for everyone to join in the fun and competition.

Here's what's happening:

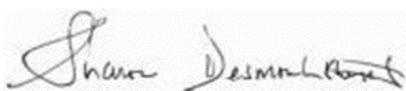
February 21 – For the Love of Chess: OPEN CHESS Night at Mark Bills Middle School (4–6 p.m.)
A casual and welcoming evening for students, families, and community members to play, learn, and celebrate the joy of chess.

February 22 – Peoria County Chess Championship at Mark Bills Middle School
The best young chess minds in Peoria County will battle for top honors. Come support our students and witness some incredible strategic play!

February 28 – March 1 – IESA State Chess Championship at the Peoria Civic Center
Peoria's strongest chess players will compete at the state level. Let's show our support and cheer them on!

These events are wonderful opportunities for students to develop critical thinking, patience, and problem-solving skills that will benefit them for years to come.

And don't forget to sign up for spring intercession which is March 24-28 with our community partners. Go to peoriapublicschools.org/page/intercession-programs by February 28 to sign up!



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

Issues Update
Feb. 13, 2025

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

Peoria Cares Monthly January Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 02/06/2025 – 02/12/2025

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 virtually. We also offer an in-person option the first Monday of each month at Distillery Labs at 201 SW Adams St. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various city departments, local utility companies, the Peoria County 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 | 11 |
| Development Center Permits Issued | 67 | 280 |
| Total Value of Development | \$4,628,353 | \$27,372,965 |

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 |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| ZBA 39-2025 | 501 SW Jefferson Ave | Zoning Board of Appeals | Major Variance – Fence - Caterpillar | 1 | JN |
| PZ 37-2025 | 223 W Detweiller Dr | Planning and Zoning Commission | Special Use - Short-Term Rental | 5 | NM |
| COM 299-2025 | 1200 W Main St | Commercial Alteration | Int. Alteration – Bradley University | 2 | KW |
| COM 270-2025 | 6808 N Knoxville Ave | Commercial Alteration | Int. Alteration – Yellow Bear Foundation | 5 | NM |
| COM 235-2025 | 8630 N State Route 91 | New Commercial | New Construction – Meadow Behavioral Hospital | 4 | JR |
| COM 236-2025 | 200 NE Adams St | Commercial Alteration | Int. & Ext. Alteration – Caterpillar Bldg AH | 1 | JN |
| MULT 283-2025 | 502 NE Monroe St | Multi-Family | Certificate of Occupancy – 5 Unit Apartment | 3 | KW |
| COM 312-2025 | 4100 W Willow Knolls Ct | Commercial Alteration | Int. Alteration – Sam’s Club | 4 | JR |

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| COM 311-2025 | 7706 N Grand Prairie Dr | Commercial Alteration | Int. Alteration – Future Cafe | 4 | JR |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|----|

Additional Activity

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

| Plan/Permit # | Address | Type | Description | Council District | Planner Assigned |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SIGN 241-2025 | 1229 W McClure Ave | Permanent Sign | Wall Sign – Dar Al Coffee | 2 | KW |
| SIGN 286-2025 | 2006 S Griswold St | Permanent Sign | Wall Sign – Dependable Towing | 1 | JN |

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 |
|---------|------|---------------|------------------|
| - | - | - | - |

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 |
| 18-04-209-016 | 1610 N Peoria Ave | 3 | Judicial Deed |
| 18-07-451-013 | 2321 W Butler St | 1 | Judicial Deed |
| 18-07-377-026 | 2720 W MLK Jr Dr | 1 | Judicial Deed |
| 18-08-309-022 | 1705 W Martin St | 1 | Judicial Deed |

| Properties Transferred to New Owner | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Parcel Number | Address | Council District | Transferred Through |
| 18-05-408-025 | 1016 N Frink St | 2 | Quit Claim Deed |

| Properties Demolished | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Parcel Number | Address | Council District | Ownership Type and Reason |
| 18-03-315-034 | 815 Spring St | 3 | Private - Planned |
| 18-04-209-016 | 1610 N Peoria Ave | 3 | City - Planned |
| 18-08-309-022 | 1705 W Martin St | 1 | City - Planned |
| 18-07-432-006 | 1913 W Martin St | 1 | Private - Planned |

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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 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 823 NE Jefferson St | El Habanero Mexican Restaurant | Plans Received | 3 |

| Community Development Department Contact Information | |
|---|---|
| Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications. | |
| <p>Leah Allison (LA) <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p>Josh Naven (JN) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p>Kerilyn Weick (KW) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p>Julia Rose (JR) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p> <p>Nolan Meyer (NM) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p> | <p>Rich Storm (RS) <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p>Matt Ziller (MZ) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p>Craig Reid (CR) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p>Issac Garcia (IG) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p> |

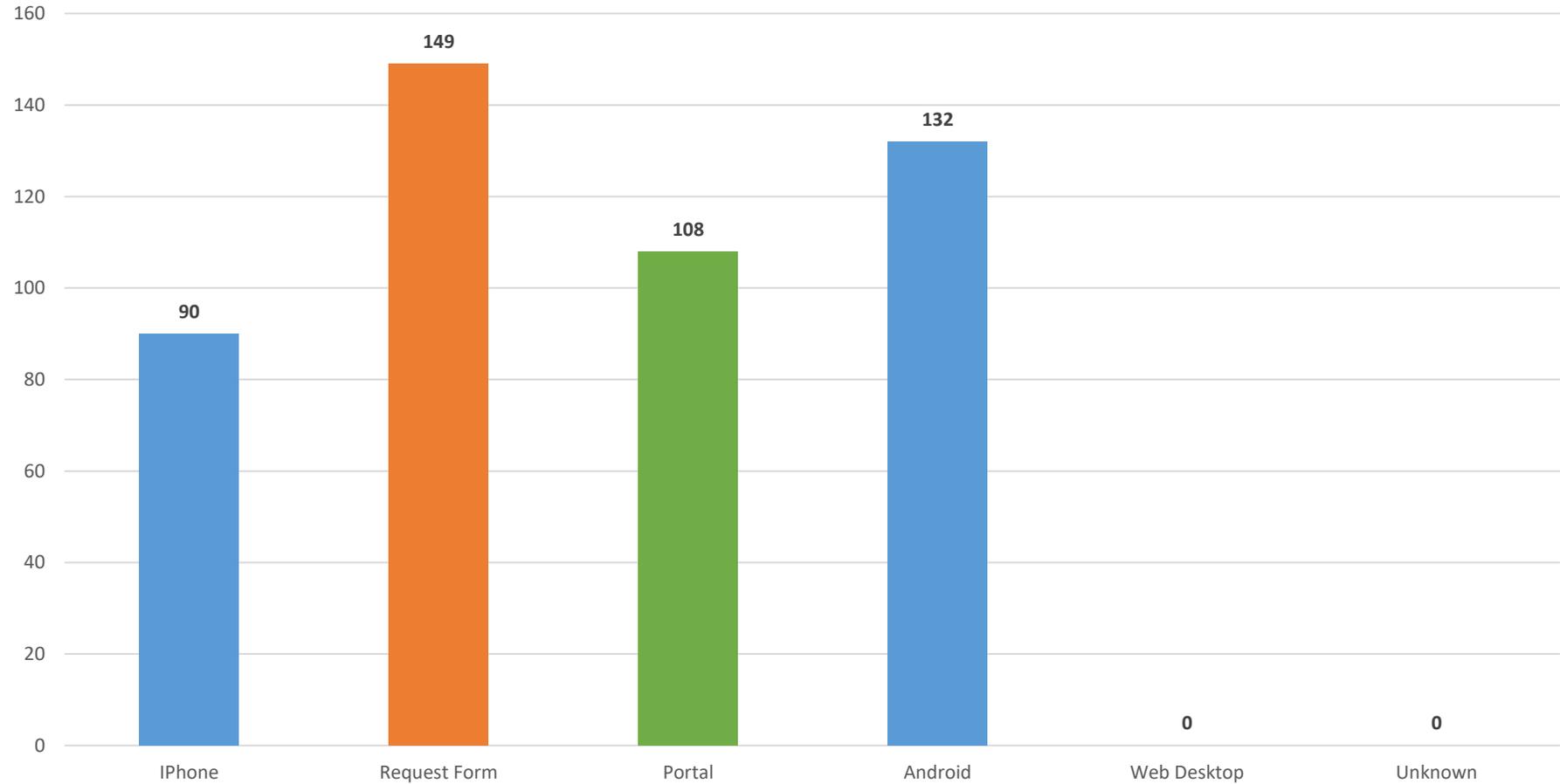
Peoria Cares



2025 Monthly Report

***From: The Office of the City Manager
Presented to: City of Peoria, Mayor and Council Members
January 2025***

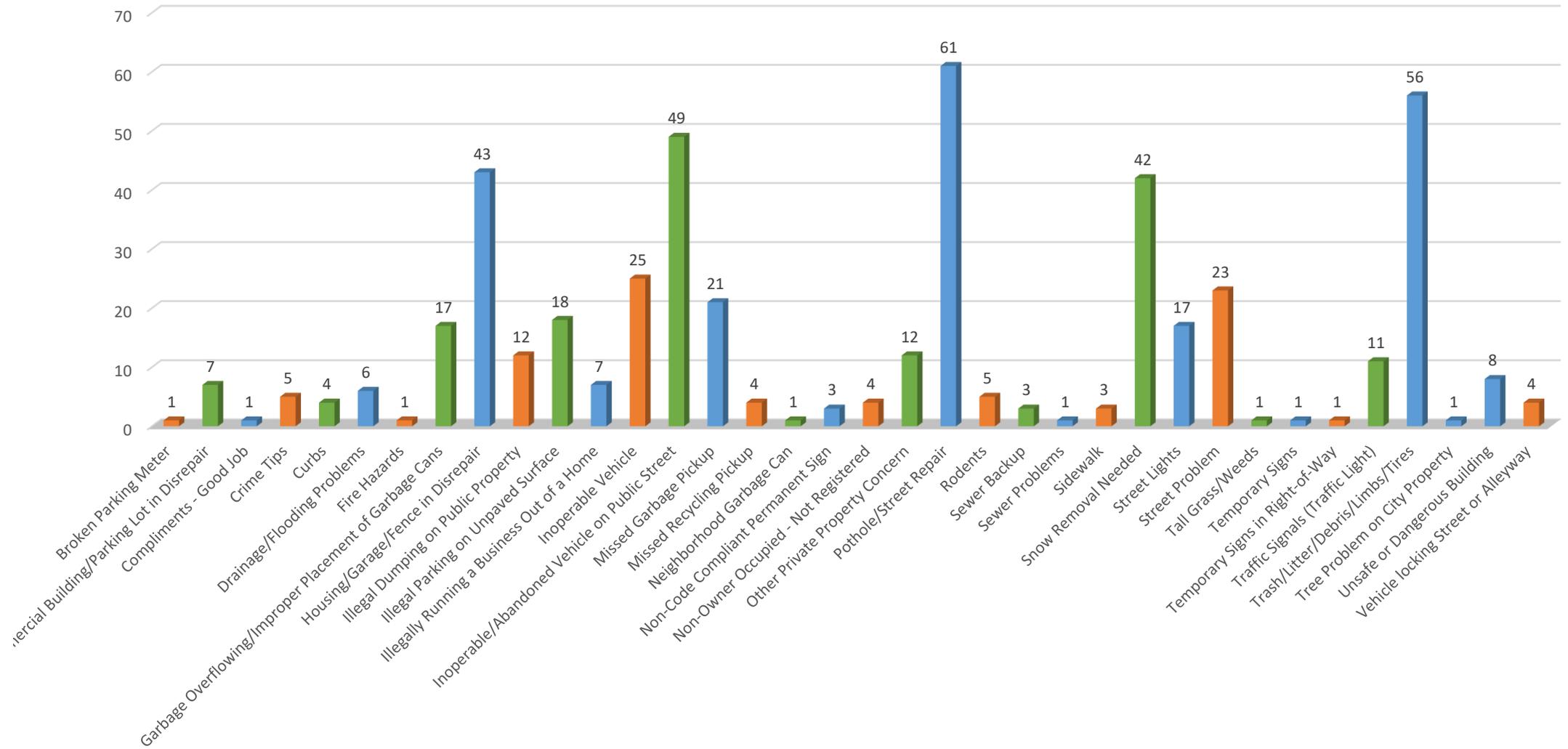
Peoria Cares Communication Transactions During the Month of January 2025



Total number of cases received: 479



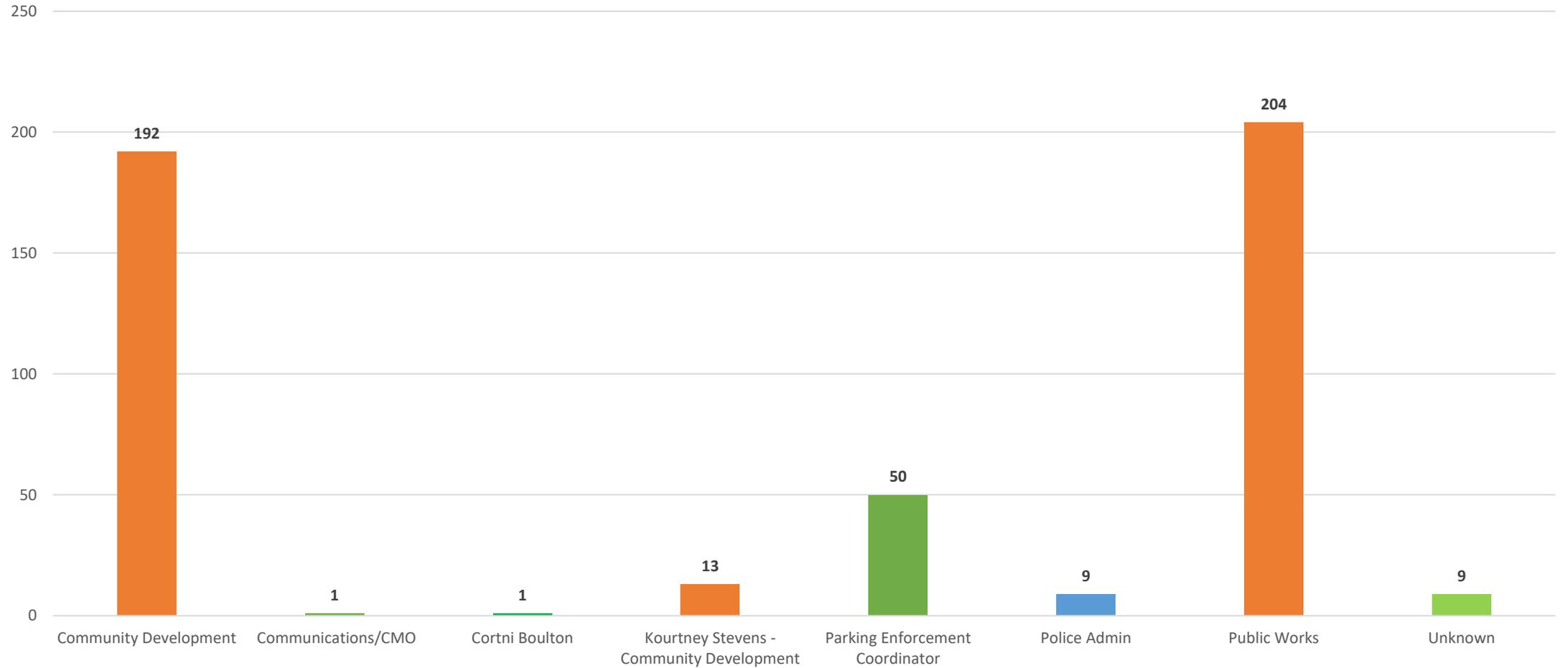
Peoria Cares January 2025 Complaints by Category



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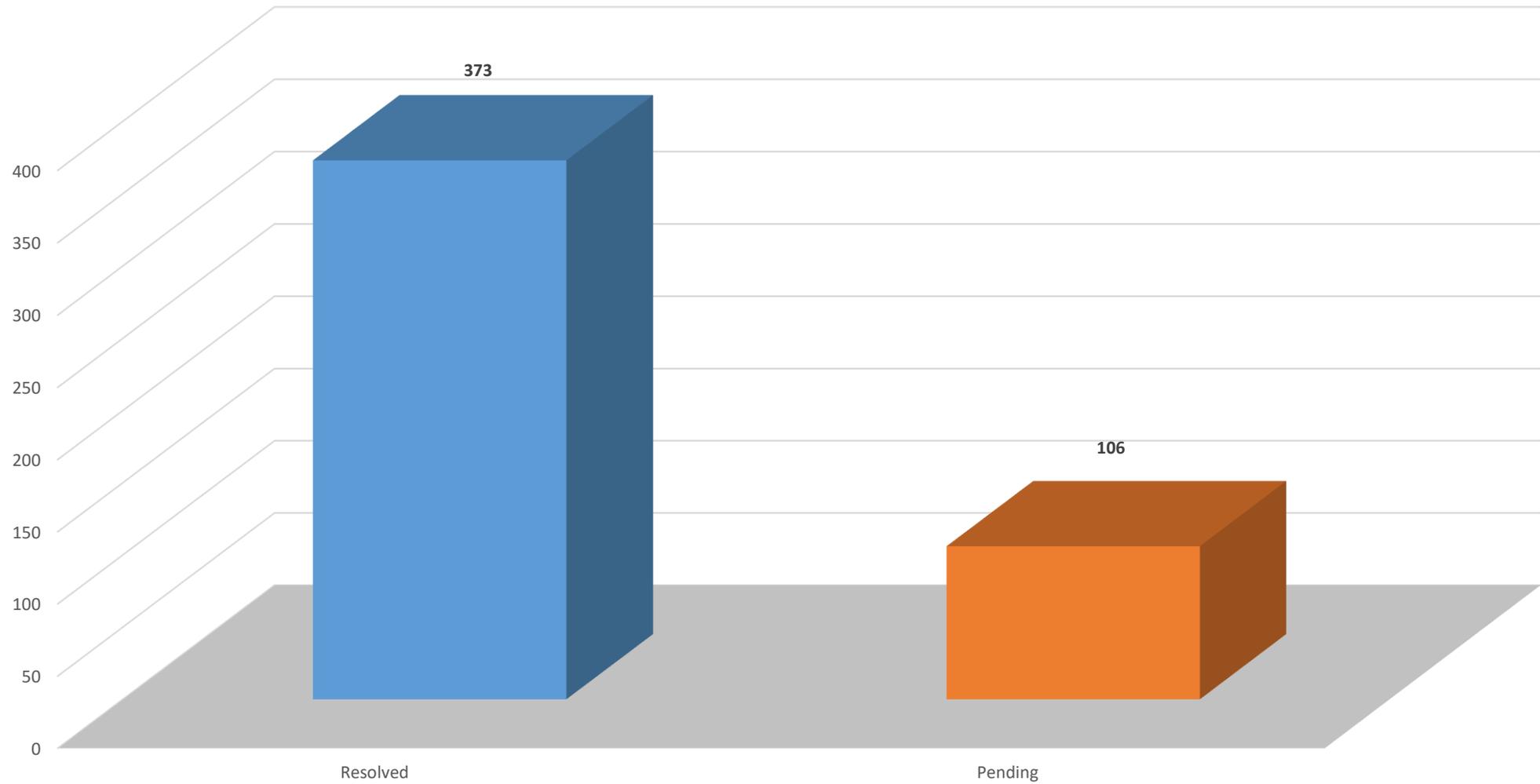
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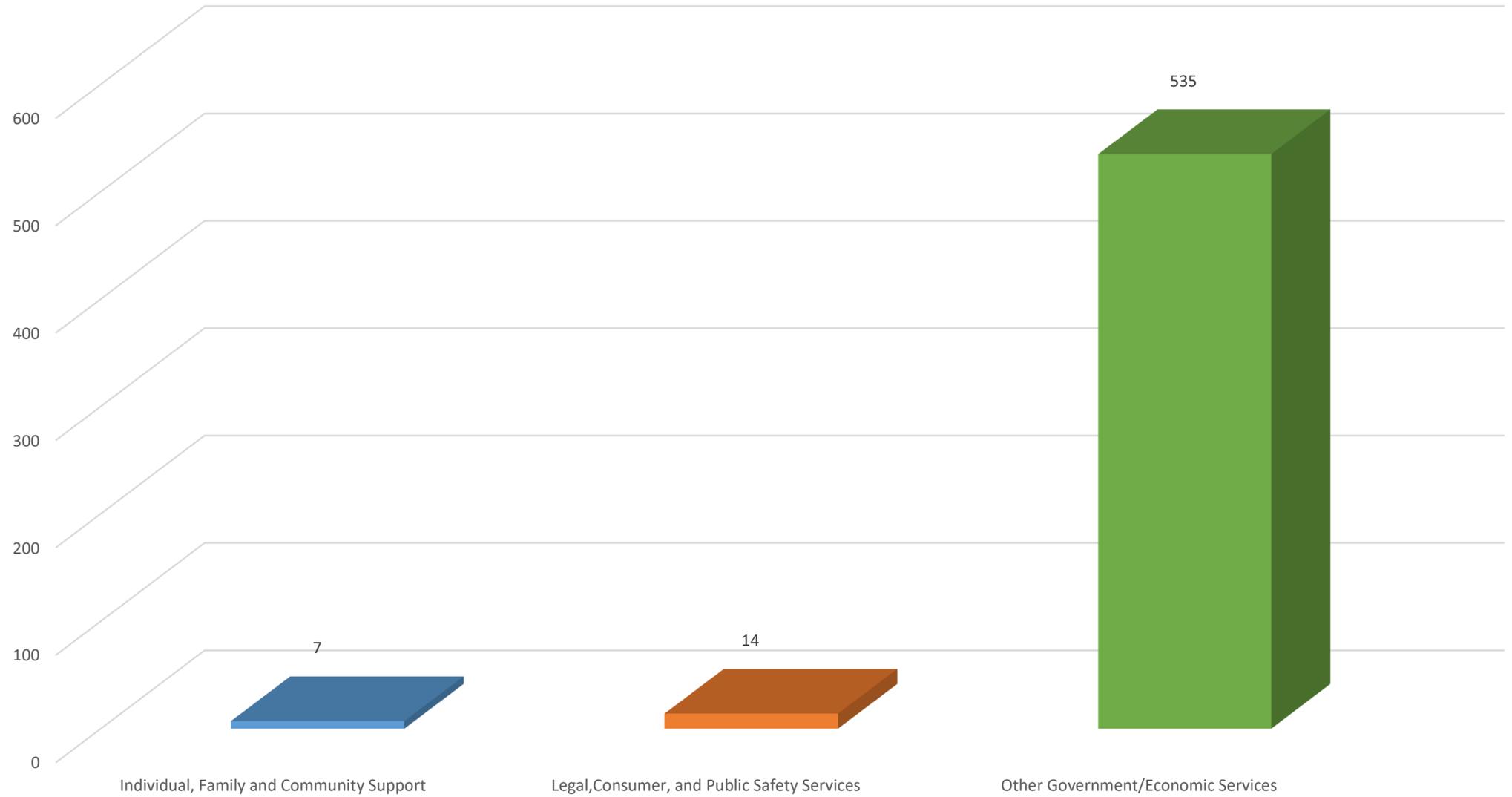
Peoria Cares January 2025 Complaint Status (as of 02/05/2025)



There are 106 pending tickets from this reporting period as of 02/05/2025.



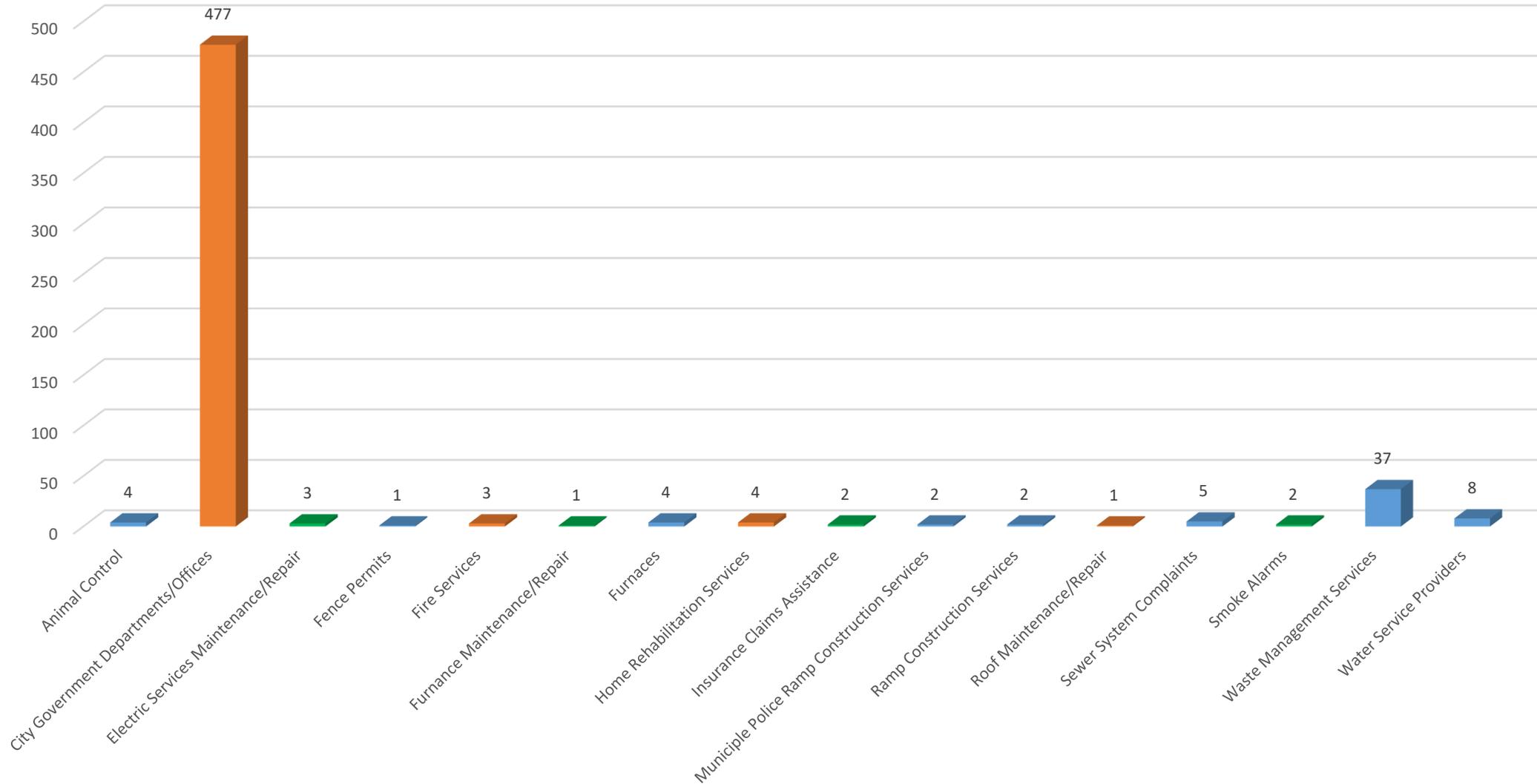
Overall Need Category of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- January 2025



An additional 556 calls were received that did not fit the Peoria Cares case criteria.

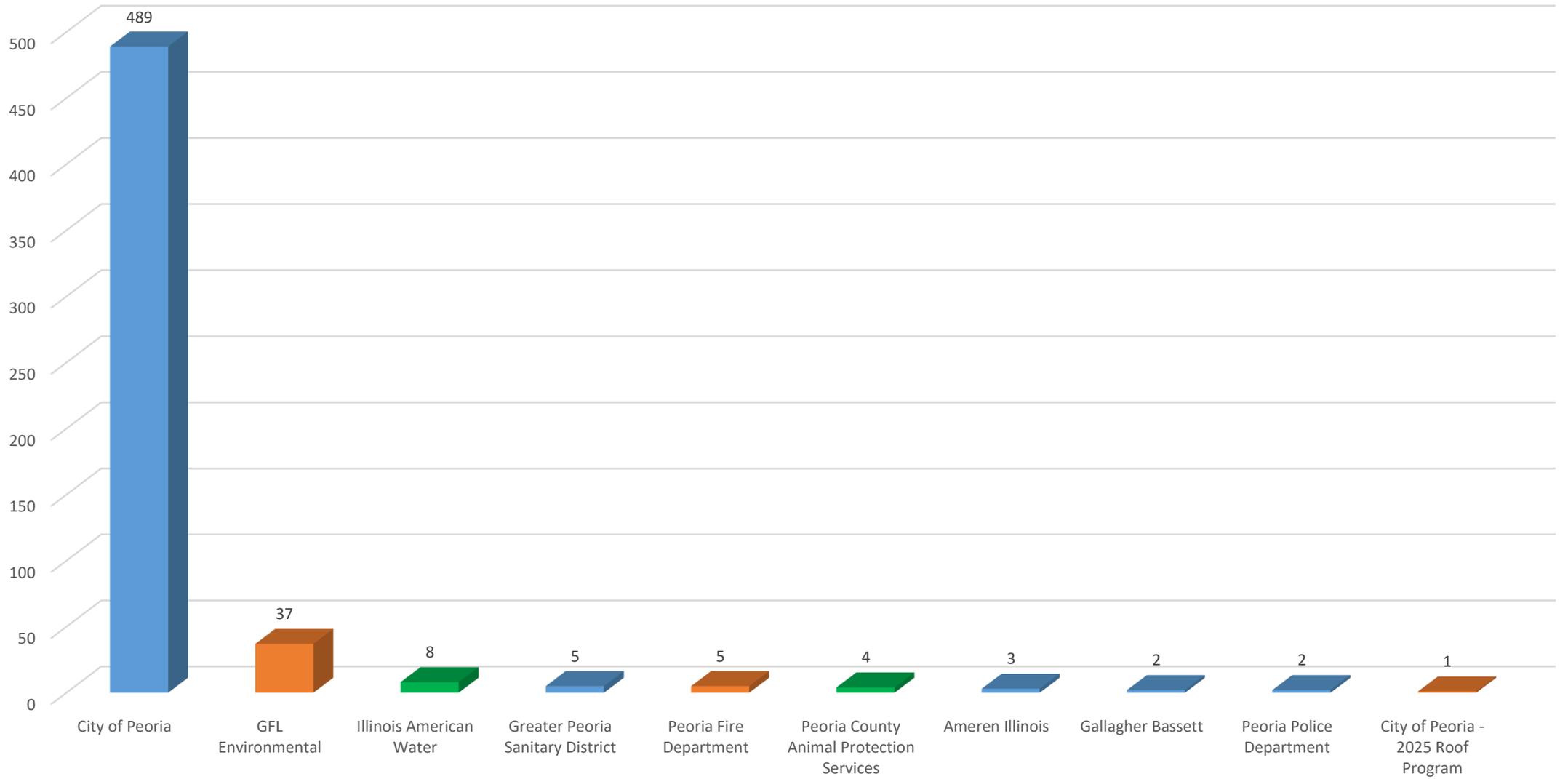


Service Needs of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- January 2025

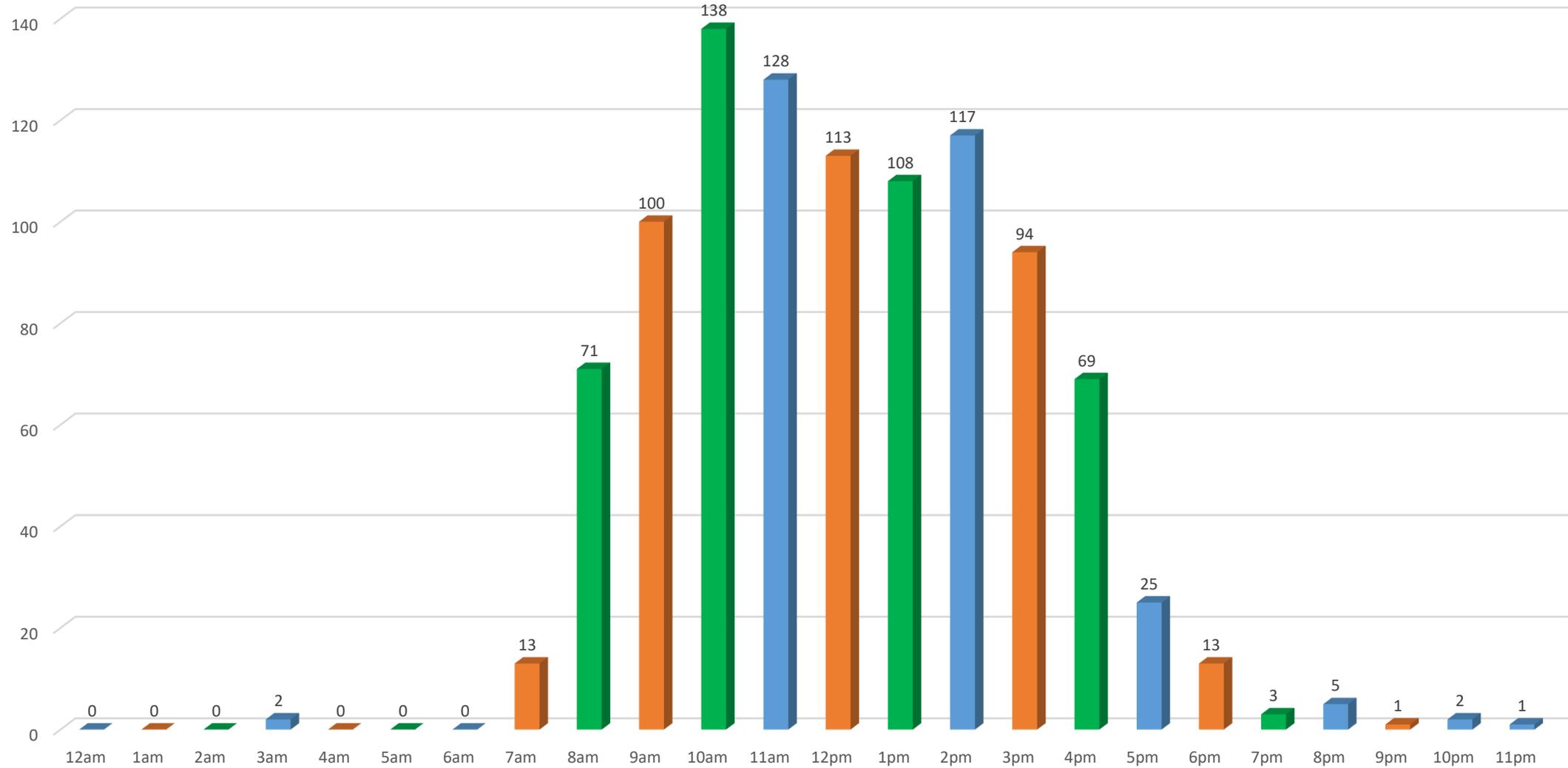


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Referrals of Peoria Cares Calls Not Resulting in a Peoria Cares Ticket- January 2025



Peoria Cares Calls by Time of Day - January 2025



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 Calls by Day of Week – January 2025

| DATE | N/A's | TICKETS | TOTAL PC | 211 TOTAL | DAY TOTAL | % TICKETS | % DAY TOTAL |
|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1-Jan | 13 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 17 | 0.00% | 76.47% |
| 2-Jan | 53 | 8 | 61 | 28 | 89 | 13.11% | 68.54% |
| 3-Jan | 41 | 8 | 49 | 30 | 79 | 16.33% | 62.03% |
| 4-Jan | 5 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 16.67% | 54.55% |
| 5-Jan | 5 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 16.67% | 54.55% |
| 6-Jan | 42 | 6 | 48 | 39 | 87 | 12.50% | 55.17% |
| 7-Jan | 33 | 9 | 42 | 29 | 71 | 21.43% | 59.15% |
| 8-Jan | 38 | 4 | 42 | 24 | 66 | 9.52% | 63.64% |
| 9-Jan | 39 | 4 | 43 | 21 | 64 | 9.30% | 67.19% |
| 10-Jan | 47 | 7 | 54 | 36 | 90 | 12.96% | 60.00% |
| 11-Jan | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 75.00% | 44.44% |
| 12-Jan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0.00% | 25.00% |
| 13-Jan | 52 | 8 | 60 | 48 | 108 | 13.33% | 55.56% |
| 14-Jan | 50 | 5 | 55 | 40 | 95 | 9.09% | 57.89% |
| 15-Jan | 49 | 3 | 52 | 27 | 79 | 5.77% | 65.82% |
| 16-Jan | 39 | 4 | 43 | 32 | 75 | 9.30% | 57.33% |
| 17-Jan | 44 | 6 | 50 | 34 | 84 | 12.00% | 59.52% |
| 18-Jan | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 33.33% | 30.00% |
| 19-Jan | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 0.00% | 55.56% |
| 20-Jan | 22 | 4 | 26 | 12 | 38 | 15.38% | 68.42% |
| 21-Jan | 62 | 4 | 66 | 33 | 99 | 6.06% | 66.67% |
| 22-Jan | 50 | 8 | 58 | 40 | 98 | 13.79% | 59.18% |
| 23-Jan | 44 | 1 | 45 | 39 | 84 | 2.22% | 53.57% |
| 24-Jan | 34 | 7 | 41 | 23 | 64 | 17.07% | 64.06% |
| 25-Jan | 7 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 12.50% | 53.33% |
| 26-Jan | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.00% | 40.00% |
| 27-Jan | 61 | 6 | 67 | 36 | 103 | 8.96% | 65.05% |
| 28-Jan | 46 | 4 | 50 | 22 | 72 | 8.00% | 69.44% |
| 29-Jan | 37 | 3 | 40 | 26 | 66 | 7.50% | 60.61% |
| 30-Jan | 33 | 2 | 35 | 22 | 57 | 5.71% | 61.40% |
| 31-Jan | 46 | 6 | 52 | 22 | 74 | 11.54% | 70.27% |
| | 1003 | 124 | 1127 | 706 | 1833 | 12.74% | 58.21% |

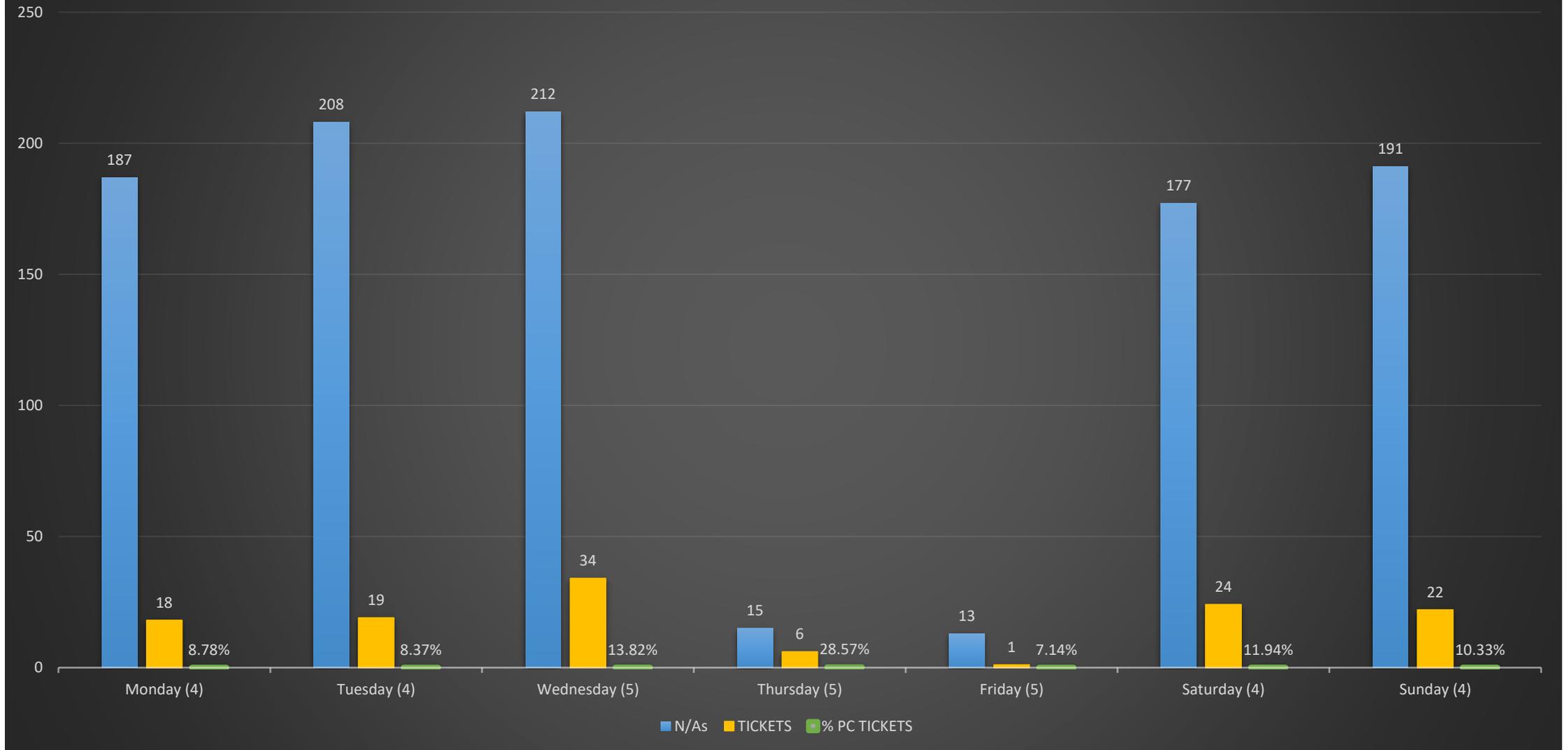
| DAY OF WEEK | N/As | TICKETS | TOTAL PC | % PC TICKETS |
|---------------|------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Monday (4) | 187 | 18 | 205 | 8.78% |
| Tuesday (4) | 208 | 19 | 227 | 8.37% |
| Wednesday (5) | 212 | 34 | 246 | 13.82% |
| Thursday (5) | 15 | 6 | 21 | 28.57% |
| Friday (5) | 13 | 1 | 14 | 7.14% |
| Saturday (4) | 177 | 24 | 201 | 11.94% |
| Sunday (4) | 191 | 22 | 213 | 10.33% |

- N/A' s are calls that came in on the Peoria Cares line that did not result in a Peoria Cares ticket
- % Tickets refers to the percentage of tickets that were created from the calls that came in on the Peoria Cares line
- % Day Total is the percentage of calls that came through on the Peoria Cares line versus the rest of the Call Center's phone calls.

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.



Peoria Cares Call Totals by Day of Week - January 2025



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