



Economic & Community Development

Development Department Report – 04/27/2026

Development Code:

- The Development Department alongside Mayor Goodman and OHM, has continued to support the administration and oversight of the Development Code. The Development Code has been updated to reflect public opinion from the Public Hearing on March 23, 2026.
- The Development Code is available online under the Planning & Zoning tab > Related Links: [DRAFT Development Code as of April 2026](#).
- The next Public Hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- The Development Department is available to answer questions related to the Development Code and can be reached at: zoning@buckeyelakevillage.com or by calling 740.928.7100.

Department Regulatory Services:

- **ZONING:** Permits were issued for new residential construction, multi-unit residential, accessory structures (garages, sheds), porches, patios, and fencing.
 - Estimated project costs are self-reported by applicants; based on these figures, permitted projects from March through April represent approximately \$1.17 million in residential investment, reflecting a higher-than-typical level of activity driven by several new builds and a multi-unit residential project.
 - Zoning permit trends for January through March over the past three years are provided on pg 2.
 - The Zoning Inspector's Report will provide further context into recent site visits and plan reviews
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Presently addressing a range of violations including property maintenance issues, junk and debris, unpermitted structures, and safety concerns.
 - Recruitment underway for [Code Enforcement Officer position](#).
- **SHORT-TERM RENTALS:** Completed an audit of short-term rental renewals and fees; actively working with STR owners to communicate requirements and timely bed tax submissions.
 - Active rentals in the village: 39; 21 open STR Licenses.
 - Collected over \$2600.00 in fees for STR in the month of April.
 - STR fee collection trends (January 2026–April 24, 2026) can be found on pg. 2.

Boards & Commissions:

- **PLANNING & ZONING:** NA
- **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Approved a variance for 35 Island View on March 19, 2026. Variance requested a second-story addition to an existing structure with setback nonconformities.

Department Initiatives and Operations:

- **OFFICE HOURS:** The Development Department is available to answer zoning questions and review site plans. To schedule an appointment, contact zoning@buckeyelakevillage.com
- **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT CATALOG:** Published to provide developers with a quick look of available commercial real estate within the Village.
 - Development Catalog is available under the Business tab > Community Development tab: [Development Catalog](#)

- **EVENT PROGRAMMING:** Launched an event application and event tool kit to support and grow local event programming.
- **WEBSITE:** Updated website pages that fall under Development to improve usability and clarity
 - This includes the following web pages: [Planning & Zoning](#), [Zoning](#), [Code Enforcement](#), [Short-Term Rentals](#), [Planning & Zoning Commission](#), [Community Development](#), [Local Business Guide](#)
 - Community Development Committee is actively assembling a digital rolodex of businesses within the community to add to the Local Business Guide webpage.
 - Thank you to Escape to Buckeye Lake for providing the Village with digital assets as we continue to build our brand.
- **PARTNERSHP:** Ongoing community partnership efforts include conversations with GROW Licking County, Escape to Buckeye Lake, Buckeye Lake Business Group and numerous businesses within the community. We look forward to continued outreach and collaboration.

