

**Remote HHS and Public Safety  
Meeting Agenda  
February 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM  
Remote Meeting**



**MEMBERS**  
Councilor Anna Bullett, District 4, Chair  
Councilor April Fournier, At-Large  
Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, District 1  
Councilor Wesley Pelletier, District 2

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1. Announcements
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2026
  - a. Draft meeting minutes
3. Winter Warming Shelter Update (Maggie McLoughlin, HHS Director)  
*This update is a standing agenda item through the end of winter warming shelter operations in April.*
4. Public Safety Update (Mark Dubois, Chief of Police)  
*A standing public safety update that alternates each month between the Police and Fire departments.*
  - a. Staff Update
5. 2026 Committee Work Plan Development (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)  
*The committee will discuss its 2026 Committee Work Plan informed by the finalized 2026 Common Council Goals .*
  - a. The 2026 Common Council Goals & Draft 2026 Work Plan
6. Next Meeting: March 10, 2026

## Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

January 13, 2026, 5:30 PM Remote Meeting

Committee Attendance:

Anna Bullett, Chair (District 4), Sarah Michniewicz (District 1), (Wesley Pelletier (District 2).

Councilor Attendance:

City Staff:

Adam Harr, Executive Assistant; Greg Jordan, Assistant City Manager; Chad Johnston, Fire Chief; Caity Hager, Emergency Management Coordinator; Maggie McLoughlin, Director or HHS; Dena Libner, Assistant City Manager.

### 1. Announcements

- Councilor Fournier unable to attend due to employment responsibilities.

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2025

- Councilor Pelletier Moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. The minutes were approved unanimously 3-0 with Councilor Fournier absent at the time of approval.

### 3. Discussion: Winter Warming Shelter Activation Threshold (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)

- Emergency Management Coordinator Hager explained the thresholds for activation were retained from last year.
  - Threshold
  - Analyze historical data and forecasts for the season and meet with the shelter directors to determine how many days the shelter would likely be activated and determine how many activations funding would allow.
- Director McLoughlin explained that hypothermia sets in at 45 degrees which informs the threshold.
  - It costs approximately \$7,000 per activation; funding allows for 50 activations.
  - The Warming Shelter
- Are there data on exposure deaths on nights the shelter was not activated?
  - Have not been able to identify a data source for tracking at the state level; housing status is not captured by vital statistics by the state.
- Councilor Michniewicz noted that that the shelter did not open two nights that thresholds would have called for which occurred multiple times in the previous iteration when the shelter was run by community partners.
- We have activated 12 nights
  - Half of the individual served have not stayed at the HSC, either at all or in the past 6 months.
  - 35% have been at the HSC in the last 6 months.
  - 15% have been at the HSC in the last 6 to 12 months range.
- Chair Bullett requested that this remains a standing update through the end of Winter.

#### 4. Committee 2026 Workplan

- Goal is to determine top level priorities.
  - Council Pelletier requested:
    - a protocol for alerts of cruise ships disembarking with norovirus to communicate to the public and for staff
    - An on-peninsula day space
    - Overdose prevention centers.
    - Immigration policies and clarifying gray zones.
      - May be able to get an update from the District Attorney.
      - How do our officers and citizens interact with agents of unknown affiliation? (uniform requirements)
  - Council Michniewicz
    - Seconded day space
    - Community policing stations are physically limited leaving some neighborhoods to go without.
      - Greater distribution for the public to have access and for officers to be dedicated to those areas.
      - The civilian coordinators interface with the community and as a result of these limitations, some areas are underserved.
      - Overview of where they could potentially be sited.
    - Framework for how we approach social services in Portland.
    - Update on food service delivery.
      - Will potentially dovetail with day space.
    - Urban rangers update.
      - Will be included in the PD update every other month with Fire and additional HHS division updates.
  - Chair Bullett
    - Reminded that the first held session of Council goal setting occurred last night and this work plan won't be finalized until the Council goal settings are finalized.
    - Regional coordination on homeless services.
      - Every other month reports.
      - Needle waste impact
        - Root cause solutions.
    - Housing Stability
      - Housing support funding; will follow HCDC work plan.
    - Senior center.
      - Policy?
      - Feasibility Study?
- Will prioritize seasonally impacted goals.
- City Manager Jordan
  - S&T is handling most of Vision Zero, but a possible law enforcement element that would be included are red light cameras that could be relevant to this committee.
    - Explore what can and cannot be done and what we would want or not want to do within those confines.
    - Data security and privacy

- Evidence based analysis of does it save lives and its efficacy.
- Current location of the police station and will update the committee.

**Next meeting is February 10, 2026.**

Councilor Pelletier oved to adjourn, and was seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) and the meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

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# Health and Human Service / Public Safety Committee

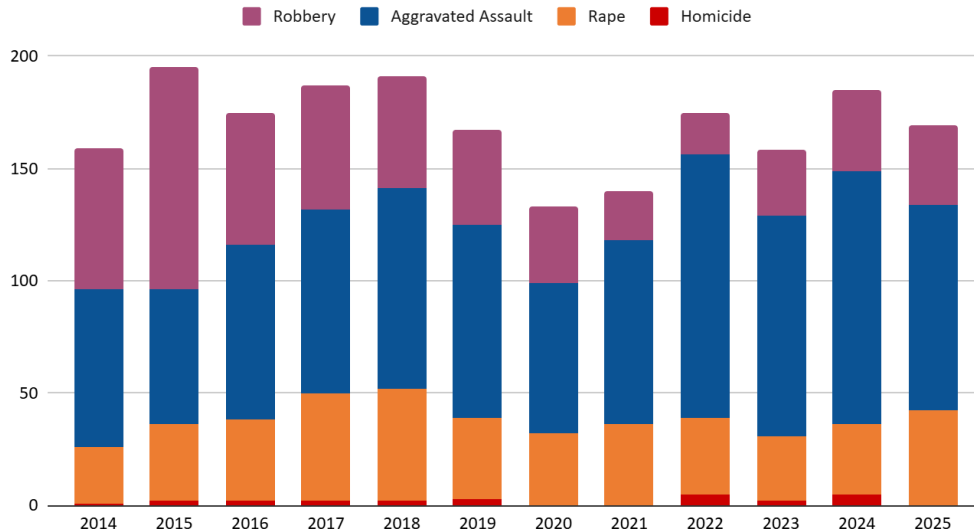
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# Crime Trends and Analysis

## Violent Crime by Year

Violent Crime by Year

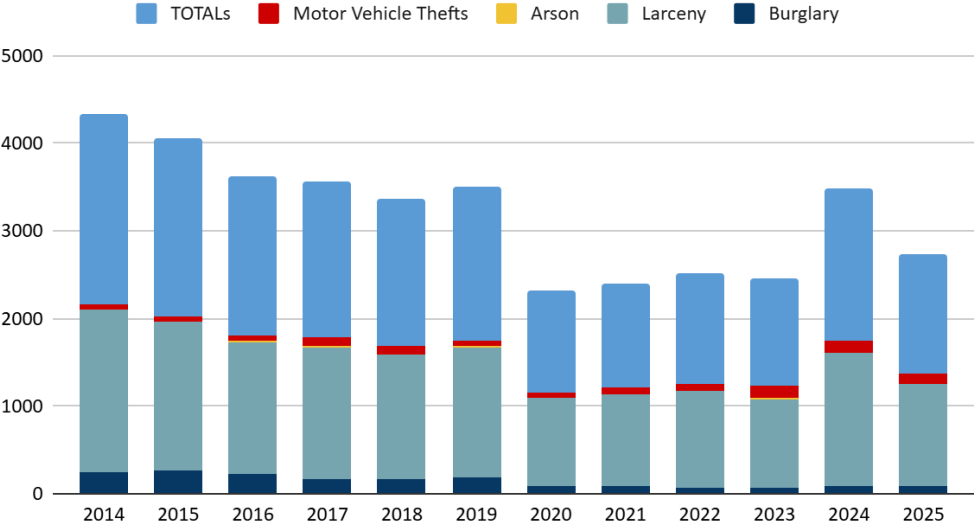


- 8.6% decrease in violent crime from 2024 to 2025.
- The decline is largely due to an 18.5% drop in aggravated assaults.
- Sexual assaults increased by approximately 35%, while robberies remained consistent with the city's ten-year averages.
- No homicides were reported in 2025; 12 have occurred since 2020.

# Crime Trends and Analysis

## Property Crime by Year

Property Crime by Year

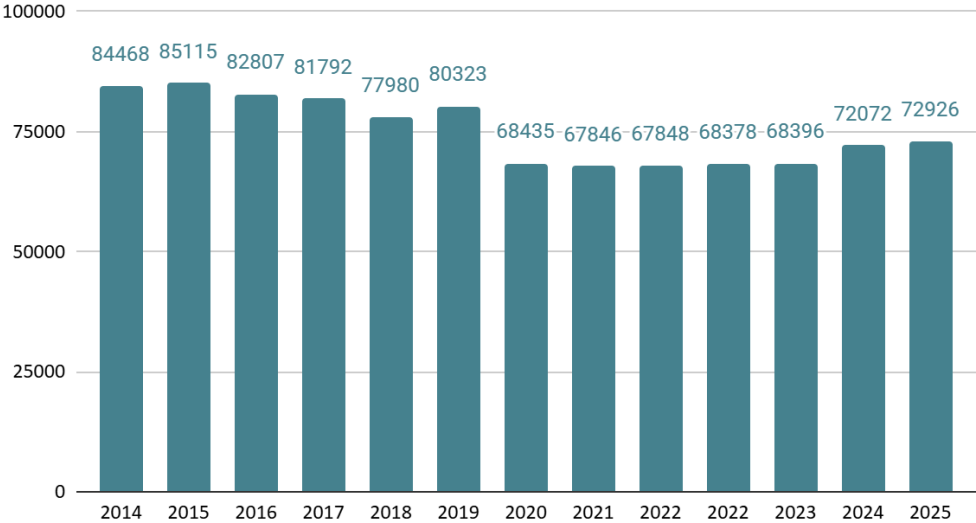


- There was a 21% decrease in property crime from 2024 to 2025.
- Declines were observed across all property crime categories in 2025, including motor vehicle theft, arson, larceny, and burglary.
- Motor vehicle thefts declined from 125 to 111; however, the three-year trend remains higher than the ten-year average.

# Crime Trends and Analysis - Calls for Service

## Calls for Service by Year

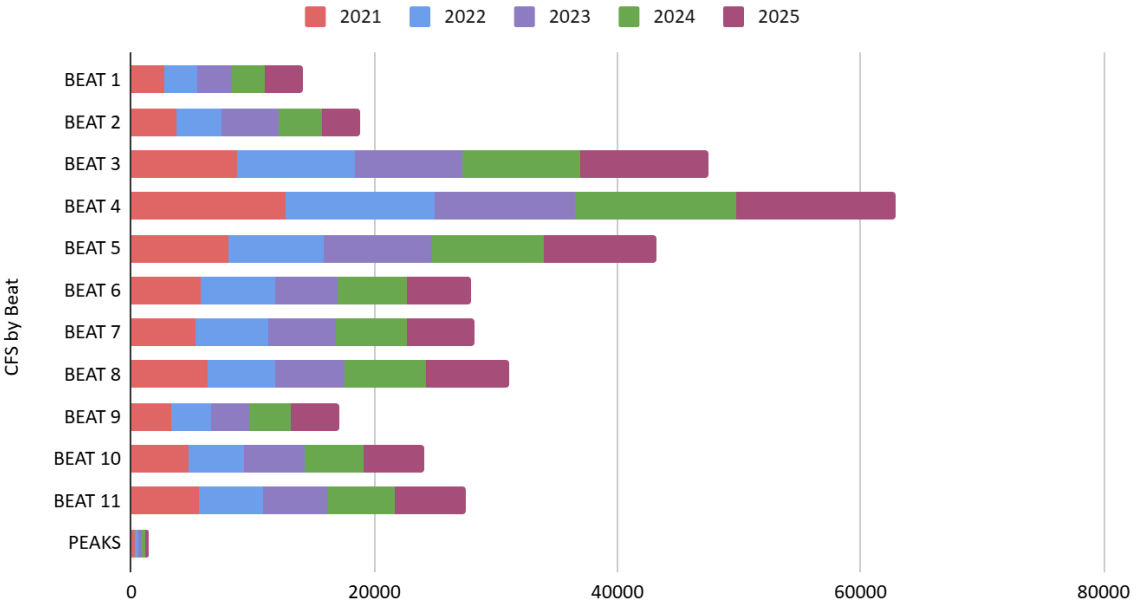
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR



- Calls for Service remained stable in 2025, increasing by 1% compared to 2024.
- The lowest call volumes occurred in 2020–2021, amid pandemic-related changes in activity.
- Calls for Service saw a noticeable uptick from 2023 to 2024 as activity levels continued to normalize.

# Crime Trends and Analysis - Calls for Service

Calls For Service by Beat and Year



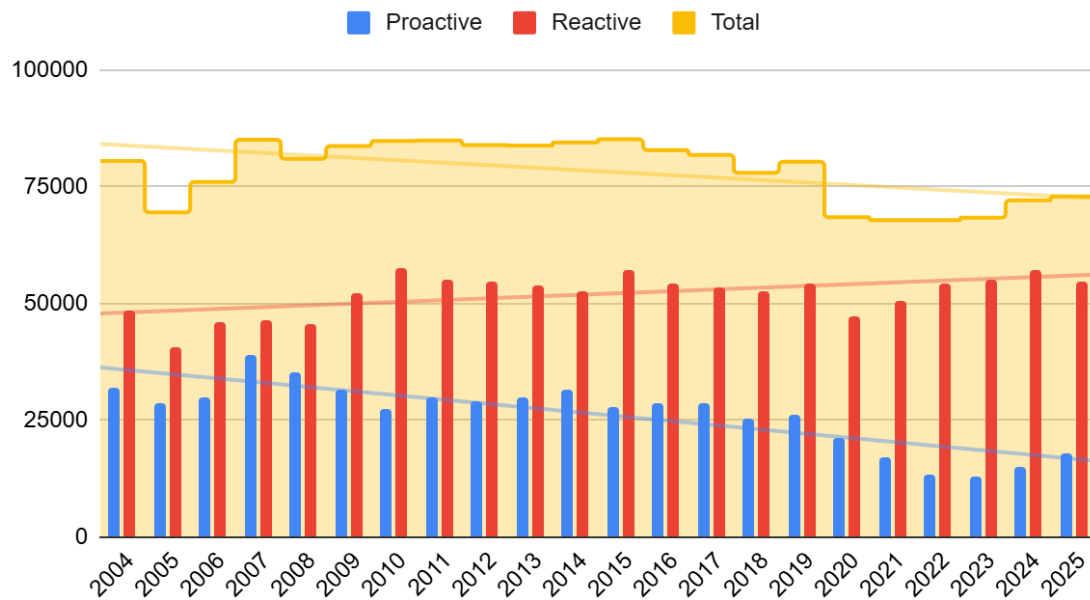
- Beat 4 continues to generate the highest number of calls for service, accounting for approximately 18% of the city's total.
- Beats 3 (Old Port), 4 (Bayside), and 5 (West End) are consistently the busiest, as they encompass the peninsula and the majority of the downtown area.
- Beat 8 has experienced slight increases over the past two years, likely driven by calls for service at the Homeless Services Center.

# Crime Trends and Analysis - Calls for Service

## Calls for Service (CFS) are broken down into Proactive and Reactive.

- **Reactive** - initiated by member of public usually via 911 or non-emergency line. Reactive calls have generally remained consistent, with recent increases reflecting a broader return to pre-COVID activity levels.
- **Proactive**: Proactive calls declined from 2020–2023, stabilized in 2024, and rose in 2025, following adjustments to staff schedules to improve efficiency—up roughly 20% from 2024 and 37% from 2023.

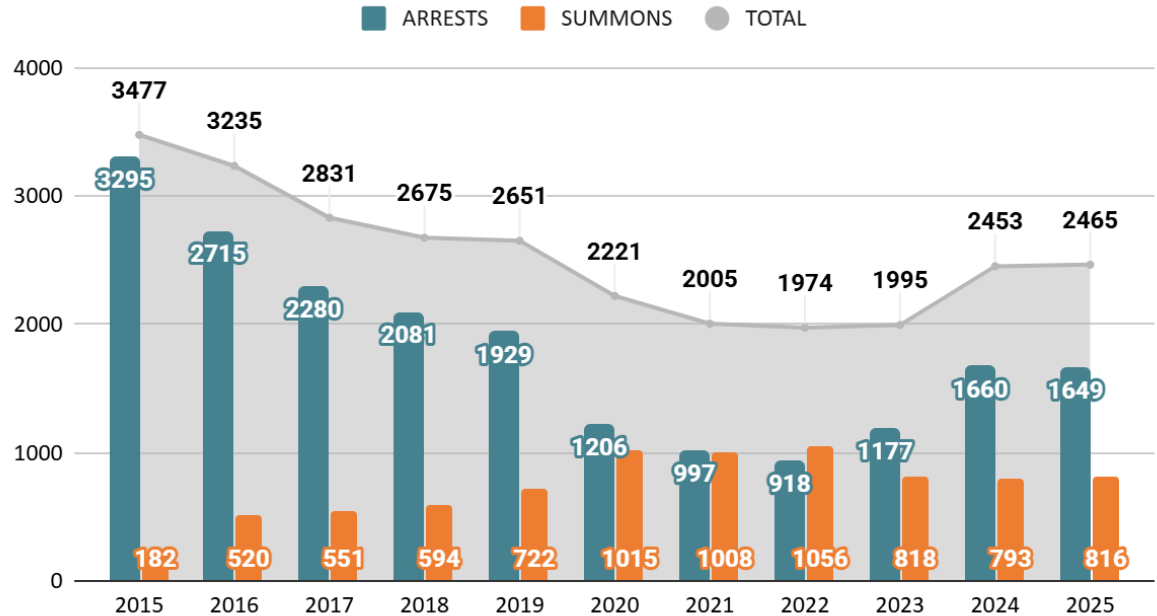
### Proactive vs Reactive CFS



# Crime Trends and Analysis - Arrests

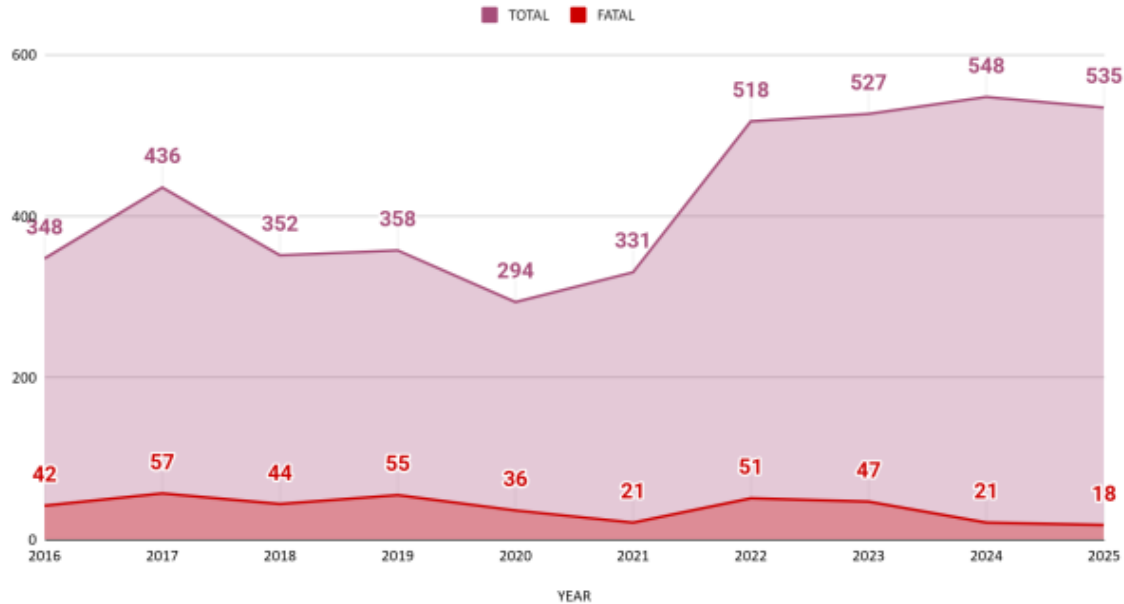
- Overall arrest totals, counting both physical arrests and summons, showed no significant change from 2024.
- Beat 4(Bayside) had the highest number of arrests, followed by Beat 5(West End) and Beat 3(Old Port).
- In 2025, the most frequent charges were: violating conditions of release, warrants, unlawful possession of drugs, assault, and criminal trespass.

ARRESTS BY YEAR



# Crime Trends and Analysis - Overdoses

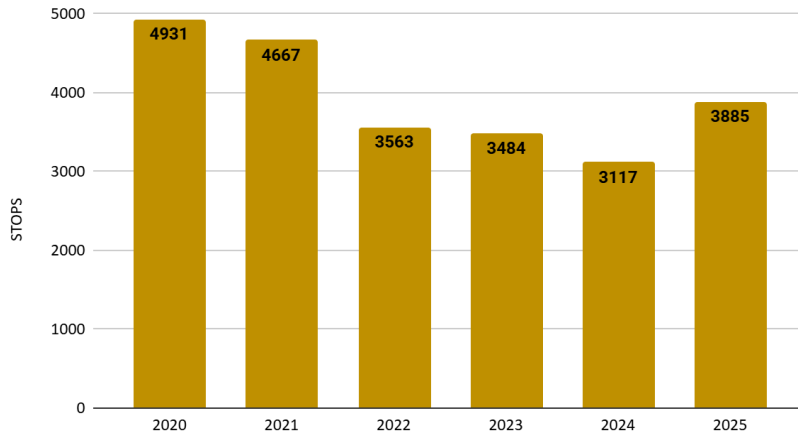
OVERDOSES BY YEAR



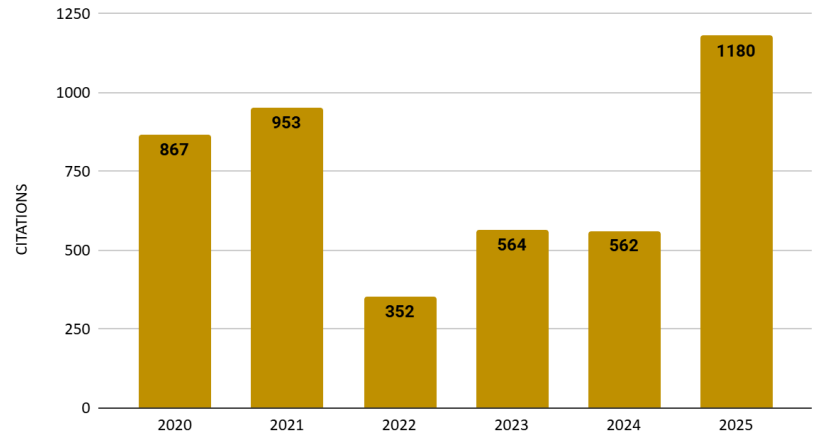
- While total overdoses remain high, fatalities have declined to their lowest level in the past ten years.
- Beat 4 recorded the most overdoses (213), followed by Beat 8 (117), together accounting for approximately 62% of total overdoses.
- Among 535 overdose cases, 293 individuals refused transport, 224 were transported, and 18 were fatal.
- Officers administered Narcan 43 times.

# Crime Trends and Analysis - Traffic

Traffic Stops by Year



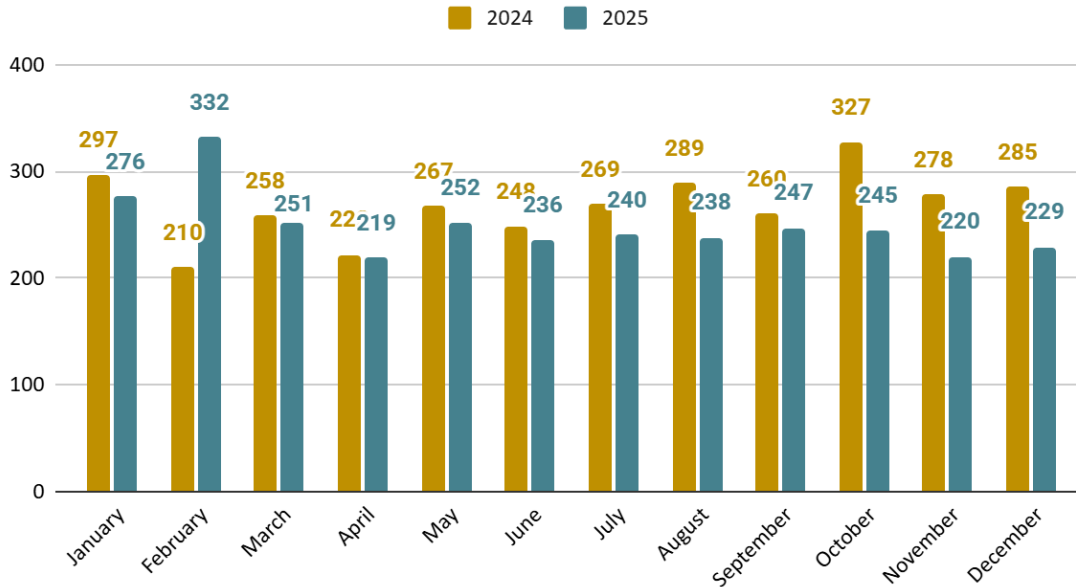
Citations by Year



- Dedicated traffic enforcement led to higher traffic stops and citations in 2025, with citations more than doubling compared to 2024.
- The most common violations ticketed were Red Light Violations (243), No Insurance (230), Speeding (152), Expired Registration (126), and Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign (100).

# Crime Trends and Analysis - Traffic

Accident Comparison by Year



- Overall crashes declined 7%, with decreases in every month except February, which saw a 58% increase. February accidents were all weather related.
- Notably, hit-and-run crashes increased by over 80% compared with the previous three years, with 885 incidents reported citywide in 2025.
- Injury-related crashes accounted for 14% of all incidents, with 23 involving bicycles and 32 involving pedestrians.
- In 2025, there were five fatalities, including four pedestrians and one driver.



# Health and Human Service / Public Safety Committee

*Public Safety Update  
Portland Police Department*

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## Portland Common Council Goals 2026 to Committee Workplans

Through the 2026 goal-setting process, the Portland City Council has identified six Common Council Goals that will guide the Council's collective work this year. These goals represent areas where councilors expressed shared commitment to advancing meaningful change. During the goal-setting workshops, councilors also identified concrete actions the Council could consider to translate these high-level goals into tangible policy work.

The attached chart demonstrates how these priority themes, specific goals, and proposed actions connect to create an integrated approach to Portland's most pressing challenges. As committees develop their detailed 2026 workplans, this framework provides a roadmap for ensuring individual committee work contributes to Council-wide progress. The specific actions identified by councilors serve as starting points for committee deliberations, with the understanding that committees may refine, prioritize, or sequence these actions based on capacity, timing, and emerging opportunities.

The 2026 Common Council Goals represent an ambitious agenda that seeks to make progress on Portland's most critical needs while building toward long-term community resilience. The connection between these goals and proposed committee actions provides a clear pathway from aspiration to implementation, ensuring that the Council's collective vision translates into meaningful policy change for Portland residents

## 2026 Common Council Goals Mapped to Council Committees with Potential Actions for Consideration in Committee Workplans

Theme	Description	Committee	Potential Action
Accelerate Housing Production and Strengthen Affordability Protections	Address Portland's housing challenges by encouraging the development of more homes and protecting affordability, so current and future residents can live and thrive in our community.	Housing & Economic Development Committee	Consider adjustments to inclusionary zoning ordinance to promote housing production.
			Consider policy amendments to streamline building permit application review and approval.
			Review Social Housing Task Force recommendations and consider council action on next steps.
			Consider amendment to Duson Trust Fund ordinance to support housing assistance for residents (e.g., eviction prevention, security deposit assistance).
			Consider amendment to the rent control ordinance to strengthen enforcement.
Reduce Chronic Homelessness	Decrease the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness by advancing policy to enhance support systems and address the underlying causes that lead to housing instability in our community.	Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee	Consider council action to support reduction in chronic homelessness by 50% (currently 120 people experiencing chronic homelessness) by end of 2026 (e.g., consideration on day shelter, adjustments to charitable food distribution license, regional and state partnerships).
			Review missions of city shelter facilities (i.e., Family Shelter, Warming Center).
			Consider amending the rate of exchange for the needle exchange program with a public health perspective.
Reduce Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities	Create safer streets for all users by advancing policy to prevent traffic deaths and injuries while improving accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.	Sustainability & Transportation Committee	Support Vision Zero plan roll-out with council leadership.
			Express public support for Franklin Street Arterial plan and implementation.
			Consider development of Vision Zero ordinance, focused on complete streets, pedestrian safety, walkability, and community engagement.
			Develop legislative proposal for intersection camera pilot to improve safety to be introduced in the 2027 State Legislature session.
Support Affordability for All Residents Through New Revenue Policies and Targeted Tax Relief	Ease the tax burden for Portland residents by finding new ways to fund city services and providing direct tax relief to households who need it most.	Finance Committee	Consider a policy amendment to expand tax affordability programs such as Portland Senior Tax Equity Program (P-STEP).
			Consider a policy amendment to diversify city revenue streams to offset taxpayer burden (e.g, fiscal impact of cruise ships, Payment in Lieu of Taxes).
Advance the Goals of One Climate Future	Address climate change by cutting carbon emissions, expanding clean energy and energy-efficient buildings, supporting sustainable transportation, and preparing Portland for a resilient, low-carbon future.	Sustainability & Transportation Committee	Consider policy to further advance One Climate Future goals are met (e.g., environmental impacts of cruise ships, viability of solar on municipal buildings).
Strengthen Economic Vitality and Support Local Businesses	Foster a thriving local economy by increasing support for businesses and strengthening conditions that help Portland's business community grow.	Housing & Economic Development Committee	Explore ordinance regulating parking lot advertising and pricing disclosure requirements.
			Close out council action on Live Nation venue proposal.
			Consider policy to enhance public support for the arts.



# Common Council Goals 2026

As the elected voice of Portland's residents and businesses, the City Council sets the City's policy direction. The Council's Common Goals define the policy priorities and provide a clear focus for the Council's work in the year ahead.

Portland's 2026 Common Council Goals are guided by our commitment to equity, safety, and connection, ensuring that our work strengthens communities and creates pathways for all residents to thrive.



# Accelerate Housing Production and Strengthen Affordability Protections

Housing & Economic Development Committee

Address Portland's housing challenges by encouraging the development of more homes and protecting affordability, so current and future residents can live and thrive in our community.

# Reduce Chronic Homelessness

Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee

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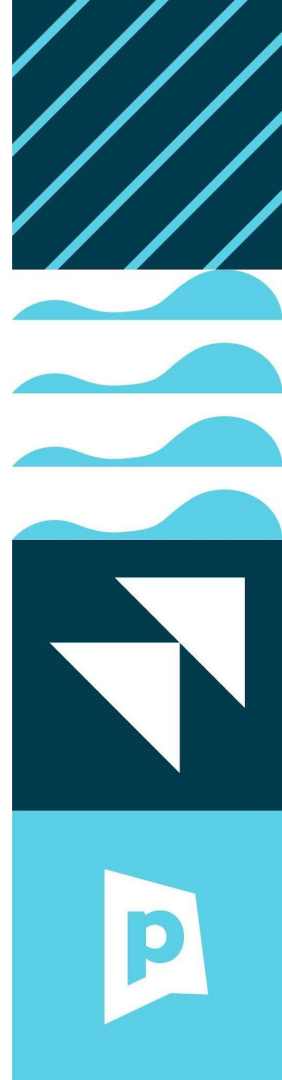
Sustainability & Transportation Committee

Create safer streets for all users by advancing policy to prevent traffic deaths and injuries while improving accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.

# Support Affordability for All Residents Through New Revenue Policies and Targeted Tax Relief

Finance Committee

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# Advance the Goals of One Climate Future

Sustainability & Transportation Committee

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Foster a thriving local economy by increasing support for businesses and strengthening conditions that help Portland's business community grow.





**Draft 2026 Work Plan for the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Council Committee**

The Portland City Council established its 2026 Common Goals (Attached) on January 26, 2026, formally communicating its policy priorities for the coming year and setting a foundation for the development of Council committees’ work plans.

The 2026 schedule currently includes nine (9) meetings for each committee, and the development of a single, original policy initiative typically takes two or three committee meetings. This includes conceptual discussion, review of a draft ordinance or other policy document, and a public hearing where the committee votes on whether or not to recommend that the City Council adopt the policy initiative. Based on those constraints, it is recommended that a committee work plan include no more than five (5) original policy initiatives to start.

In addition to the development and consideration of original policy initiatives, committee work will also include consideration of items referred to a committee by the Council or brought by staff, as well as hosting panels or presentations as needed.

**Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee  
 2026 Work Plan**

Policy Initiative	Related Council Goal	Priority Ranking
1. Review missions of city shelter facilities (i.e., Family Shelter, Warming Shelter)	Reduce Chronic Homelessness	TBD
2. Consider recommending funding a dayspace as part of the FY27 budget	Reduce Chronic Homelessness	TBD
3. Consider policy to allow the operation of overdose prevention centers	Reduce Chronic Homelessness	TBD
4. Assess and consider regulation of charitable food distribution	Reduce Chronic Homelessness	TBD
5. Review current efforts to reduce syringe waste and explore additional policy solutions.	Reduce Chronic Homelessness	TBD

6. Potential item related to public safety - <i>subject to Committee consensus.</i>	N/A	TBD
7. Potential item related to cruise ships and public health - <i>subject to Committee consensus.</i>	N/A	TBD

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**Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee**  
**2026 Calendar** *(Dates and topics are subject to change)*

February 10:

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March 10:

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April 14:

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May 12:

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June 9:

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July 14:

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August: No meeting

September 8:

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October 13:

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November 10

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December: No meeting