

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager
 FROM: Barry Walthall, Building Codes Administrator
 CC: Scott McCullough, Planning & Development Services Director
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 Date: May 7, 2015
 RE: April 2015 Monthly Permit Reports

The Building Safety Division issued 177 building permits in April, with total construction for the month valued at \$8,026,146. Total permit fees assessed for the month were \$67,439. Permits were issued for eleven (11) new residential projects, all of which were for single-family dwellings. Comparisons to previous years will be tracked throughout 2015 in the following table:

Year	One- & Two-Family Permits		Multi-Family Permits (New Units)		Total Number of Permits		Total Valuation		Permit Fees	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
2015	11	49	0(0)	2(351)	177	629	\$8,026,146	\$89,314,543	\$67,439	\$320,258
2014	11	42	0(0)	0(0)	181	497	\$7,974,683	\$25,758,663	\$58,863	\$190,745
2013	17	59	11(88)	23(374)	179	613	\$19,842,958	\$54,826,597	\$112,265	\$348,060
2012	9	39	22(184)	22(184)	236	769	\$19,790,910	\$33,607,547	\$119,012	\$240,230
2011	14	35	0(0)	10(63)	196	652	\$5,536,213	\$19,479,026	\$53,112	\$171,261
2010	8	56	0(0)	0(0)	155	607	\$12,605,541	\$28,772,687	\$41,878	\$168,465
2009	6	21	2(16)	15(172)	169	565	\$6,482,254	\$28,256,184	\$47,978	\$194,760

Permits were issued for twenty-one (21) City projects in April, including a permit to update the physical mailing address for a Solid Waste Operations Building at 2215 Kresge Road, for which no construction value was assigned; electrical work to install power for window shades at Lawrence Sports Pavilion, 100 Rock Chalk Lane, with work valued at \$4,000; and nineteen (19) plumbing permits for inflow and infiltration program projects by the Utilities Department at various locations with valuation totaling \$47,540.

The largest projects for the month were a renovation project for the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Career Center at 2920 Haskell Avenue, with construction valuation of \$1,045,000; a new Chick-fil-A restaurant at 2735 Iowa Street, valued at \$700,000; a building addition for Ulta Beauty at 2727 Iowa Street, valued at \$600,000; a new grain elevator for Ottawa Coop at 2001 Moodie Road, valued at \$540,000; and a tenant finish for Port Fonda restaurant at 900 New Hampshire Street, valued at \$500,000.

These statistics are of interest in tracking construction activity in the community, but only partially tell the story for staff workload and performance. Staff has established performance goals of completing "initial" reviews for residential permits within 5 business days and for commercial permits within 15 business days of the application date. An initial review is a comprehensive first

review of an application and plans for a building project, and may include review work performed by staff from Planning and Development Services, Fire and Medical, Utilities and Public Works Departments, as well as other relevant review agencies (depending on the nature and scope of the project). Initial and subsequent reviews and comments are tracked in the Innoprise permit tracking system from which reports may be extracted. Development Services staff is responsible for coordinating review work and disseminating review comments to applicants.

During the 2014 calendar year, staff achieved these goals for 95.5% of all residential permits with an average review time of 2.5 days; and 96% of all commercial permits with an average review time of 6.2 days.

In April, staff completed 270 of 275 residential reviews within 5 business days (98.1%), and 112 of 113 commercial reviews within 15 business days (99.1%). The following table tracks performance in meeting these objectives.

	Residential Permits				Commercial Permits			
	Total Number of Reviews	Number of Reviews Completed within 5 Business Days	Average Review Time	Percent of Reviews Completed within 5 Business Days	Total Number of Reviews	Number of Reviews Completed within 15 Business Days	Average Review Time	Percent of Reviews Completed within 15 Business Days
Jan	90	71	3.4	78.8%	111	90	9.5	81.0%
Feb	99	79	3.8	79.8%	97	85	10.0	87.6%
Mar	147	136	2.8	92.5%	94	85	7.8	90.4%
Apr	275	270	2.2	98.1%	113	112	6.7	99.1%
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July								
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Dec								
YTD	611	556	2.8	91.0%	415	372	8.5	89.6%

Permit reports for April are attached.

Top Projects for 2015:

Rank	Construction Valuation	Project Description
1	\$45,000,000	HERE @ Kansas Mixed Use Building
2	\$18,756,680	100 E 9 th Mixed Use Project
3	\$1,045,000	Dwayne Peaslee Technical Career Center
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