

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: April 9, 2015
 RE: March 2015 Monthly Permit Reports

The Building Safety Division issued 195 building permits in March, with total construction for the month valued at \$27,746,116. Total permit fees assessed for the month were \$114,350. Permits were issued for nineteen (19) new residential projects, including sixteen (16) single-family dwellings, two (2) duplexes, and one (1) mixed use building with 114 dwelling units. 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	18	38	1(114)	2(351)	195	452	\$27,746,116	\$81,288,396	\$114,350	\$252,894
2014	17	31	0(0)	0(0)	109	316	\$15,158,554	\$24,812,731	\$81,170	\$153,189
2013	23	42	0(0)	12(286)	162	432	\$12,074,537	\$34,839,638	\$79,437	\$234,098
2012	10	30	0(0)	0(0)	221	538	\$3,314,446	\$13,816,637	\$36,690	\$121,218
2011	14	21	7(47)	10(63)	177	460	\$6,930,707	\$13,942,813	\$60,031	\$118,149
2010	29	48	0(0)	0(0)	205	460	\$9,200,761	\$16,167,146	\$66,457	\$126,587
2009	3	15	13(156)	13(156)	153	407	\$14,411,989	\$21,773,930	\$86,271	\$146,783

Permits were issued for twenty-two (22) City projects in March, including a new facility for Household Hazardous Waste at 2210 Kresge Road, valued at \$700,000; remodel work for a physician's lounge at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 325 Maine Street, valued at \$60,000; a new accessory structure at the Maple Grove Cemetery, 1710 N 3rd Street, valued at \$6,000; and nineteen (19) plumbing permits for inflow and infiltration program projects by the Utilities Department at various locations with valuation totaling \$59,430.

The largest project for the month is a mixed use building at 100 E 9th Street for which construction is valued at \$18,756,680. This building will include 114 dwelling units with underground parking as well as retail/business occupancies at the street level.

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 March, staff completed 136 of 147 residential reviews within 5 business days (92.5%), and 79 of 88 commercial reviews within 15 business days (89.7%). 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%	88	79	8.1	89.7%
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May								
June								
July								
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Sept								
Oct								
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Dec								
YTD	336	286	3.2	85.1%	296	254	9.3	85.8%

Permit reports for March 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
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