

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Calendar Year 2007 was not the banner year for new single family dwelling starts, but was still a very good year for just about everything else. On the same note, Ludlow can still be noted with more that its share of the overall housing picture as compared to other cities and towns.

The Keystone Commons project on West Street is proceeding well and hoping for a Spring '08 completion. Pinewood Road will be building the final five dwellings during the early part of 2008.

Paradise Creek and Pondview Manor condominiums projects are still going strong. The last eight units in Pondview Manor Phase I are underway as well as two 3-unit buildings at Paradise Creek.

On the commercial scene, the new Pride station on Center Street is into finishing stage and may be complete by the time of this printing.

Fall of 2007 brought the new St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center into service, as well as the new home of United Rentals on Holyoke Street last spring.

The following is a breakdown of the permit activity for the calendar year 2007, including public safety certificates.

# OF PERMITS	TYPE OF PERMIT	ESTIMATED VALUE
29	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	10,370,120
17	CONDOMINIUMS	4,009,000
30	DWELLING, ADDITIONS	1,535,454
64	DWELLING, ALTERATIONS	1,083,221
5	COMMERICAL-NEW CONSTRUCTION	2,219,390
19	COMMERCIAL RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS	410,270
1	RE-ROOF—COMMERCIAL.....	11,575
1	TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS.....	160,000
3	REPAIR FIRE-DAMAGED STRUCTURES	279,000
9	SUNROOM ADDITIONS	157,067
11	KITCHEN REMODEL	140,605
14	PORCHES	89,960
32	DECKS.....	122,350
40	SWIMMING POOLS.....	367,383
64	FENCES	188,186
111	RESHINGLE.....	681,603
61	SIDING	465,726
79	WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT	385,887
10	DETACHED GARAGES/CARPORTS	216,850
5	BARNS	261,350
51	STORAGE SHEDS.....	132,405
1	GAZEBOS	7,585
14	CHIMNEYS, WOOD-BURNING STOVES, ETC.....	72,841
28	PELLET STOVES, FURNACES	61,115
37	SIGNS	37,415
2	HANDICAP RAMPS.....	6,500
27	MISCELLANEOUS.....	52,832
18	PERMITS TO DEMOLISH	0

55 CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION – PAID.....0

838 PERMITS ISSUED at an estimated value of.....\$23,525,690
FEES COLLECTED.....\$134,583

The following is a listing of **ELECTRICAL PERMITS** issued.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS 41
ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS..... 34
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS 83
ANNUAL PERMITS 1
BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL, NEW 4
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS TO BUSINESS BLDGS..... 31
REPAIRS TO FIRE/WATER DAMAGED STRUCTURES..... 3
GARAGES 11
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING 7
FURNACES 12
PORCHES 2
SECURITY SYSTEMS 51
BOILERS/WATER HEATERS 10
HOT TUBS 6
BARNs 1
SHEDS 5
SIGNS 4
LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS 10
SWIMMING POOLS..... 33
SERVICE 216
MISCELLANEOUS..... 9
Total Number of ELECTRICAL Permits Issued:.....574
FEES COLLECTED.....\$33,313

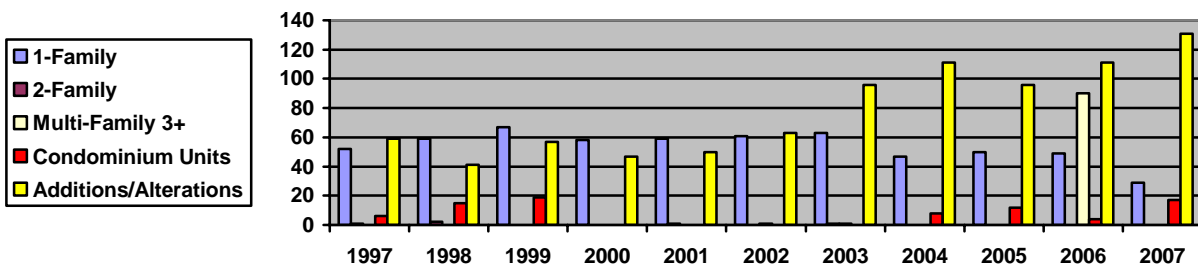
The following is a listing of **PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING PERMITS** issued.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS 46
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, GAS..... 37
NEW CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL 3
NEW CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL, GAS 3
ADDITIONS DWELLINGS 16
ADDITIONS DWELLINGS, GAS 3
ADDITIONS, COMMERCIAL 1
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING 61
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING, GAS 15
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL 17
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL, GAS 7
REPAIRS TO FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES..... 2

REPAIRS TO FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES, GAS	2
HOT WATER TANKS	54
FIREPLACE, GAS.....	2
FURNACES, GAS	26
GAS LOGS	7
BOILERS	15
BACKFLOW PREVENTERS	25
MISCELLANEOUS GAS.....	17
MISCELLANEOUS PLUMBING	33
ROOF TOP HEATING UNITS, GAS.....	2
SWIMMING POOL HEATERS, GAS.....	6
COOKING RANGE, GAS	6
Total Number of PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING Permits Issued:	406
FEES COLLECTED.....	\$22,945

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR 2007.....\$190,841

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1-Family	59	67	58	59	61	63	47	50	49	29
2-Family	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Multi-Family 3+	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	90	0
Condominium Units	15	19	0	0	0	0	8	12	4	17
Additions/Alterations	41	57	47	50	63	96	111	96	111	131



In the coming year, the multi-family inspection program will finally start. The Department has a new local building inspector on board to assist in that area as well as other public safety inspections and code enforcement.

I want to thank my staff, Mr. Antonio Portelada, Inspector of Wires, Mr. Joseph Kozicki, Plumbing/Gas Inspector, and especially Mrs. Lorraine Czapienski, Office Assistant, for all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to extend a thank you to the on-call inspectors, Donald Demers, Assistant Building Inspector, Kevin Douville, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector, Richard Chenevert, Assistant Inspector of Wires and Stephen Trembley, Interim Assistant of Wires.

Respectfully submitted,
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 Building Commissioner