

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Calendar year 2020 saw a decrease in permits overall from the year 2019. The feeling is that the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic affected the construction industry. The construction of new single-family homes increased by one (1) from last year and the construction of new condominium units decreased by six (6). Residents are consistently finding ways to keep their homes energy efficient with the installation of solar panels, insulation, new doors and windows. Additions, alterations and renovations to existing homes decreased as well compared to 2019.

Our department is projecting 2021 to be a busy year for new residential construction due to the availability of vacant lots and approval of new subdivisions in town. We will continue to strive towards excellence by ensuring that the permit process be as smooth and easy as possible for all contractors, residents and business owners and we look forward to being of service for all of your building and inspectional needs.

The following is a breakdown of the permit activity for the calendar year 2020:

No. of Permits	Type of Permit	Estimated Value
23	Single Family Dwellings	\$7,131,670.00
5	Condominium Dwellings	\$994,080.00
0	Two-Family Dwellings	\$0.00
42	Dwelling – Additions & Alterations	\$1,437,812.00
0	Footing & Foundation	\$0.00
5	Commercial – New Construction	\$3,235,256.00
13	Commercial – Renovations/Additions	\$492,099.00
3	Commercial – Demolition	\$39,500.00
4	Commercial – Cell Tower Antennas/Equipment	\$110,000.00
2	Commercial – Fire Suppression Systems	\$42,000.00
3	Commercial – Footing & Foundation	\$95,000.00
7	Commercial - Roofing	\$408,288.00
1	Commercial – Solar Panels/Arrays	\$4,664,268.00
37	Commercial – Signs	\$76,155.00
5	Commercial – Temporary Stage & Tents	\$4,362.00
2	Repair of Fire Damaged Structures	\$419,780.00
10	Decks	\$117,670.00
28	Swimming Pools/Hot Tubs	\$555,445.00
0	Fences	\$0.00
68	Re-shingle	\$827,845.00
5	Siding	\$109,334.00
92	Window & Door Replacement	\$668,501.00
12	Sheds, Barns, Garages	\$187,300.00
2	Temporary Structures	\$18,000.00

16	Chimneys, Wood-Burning, Pellet Stoves, etc.	\$50,973.00
69	Solar Panels/Arrays	\$1,737,041.00
142	Insulation	\$588,497.00
1	Retaining Walls	\$15,500.00
7	Permits to Demolish	\$7,367.00
604	TOTAL	\$24,033,743.00

604 Permits Issued at an estimated value of \$24,033,743.00

Total Fees Collected \$253,185.85

Number of ELECTRICAL Permits Issued: 395

Fees Collected \$49,812.20

Number of PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING Permits Issued: 368

Fees Collected \$40,515.00

Number of SHEET METAL permits issued: 23

Fees Collected \$3,889.00

Annual Inspection Fees Collected \$9,058.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR 2020 \$356,460.05

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1-Family	13	10	20	24	21	11	24	19	22	23
2-Family	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Multi-Family 3+	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condominium Units	3	23	10	3	10	29	5	8	11	5
Additions/Alterations	107	98	92	86	67	77	70	64	60	42

I would like to extend our condolences to the family of Mr. Kevin Douville, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector who passed away in April of 2020.

We welcomed two new inspectors to the Department: Mr. Paul Vona, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Mr. David Sedelow, Assistant Inspector of Wires. Mr. Richard Chenevert is no longer the Assistant Inspector of Wires and we thank him for his years of service.

I would like to thank all of my inspectors, Mr. John Roda, Inspector of Wires; Mr. Steven Lopes, Plumbing & Gas Inspector; Mr. Paul Adzima, On-Call Local Building Inspector, Mr. Paul Vona, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector, and Mr. David Sedelow, Assistant Inspector of Wires for their extra hard work and extreme dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Larivee, Building Commissioner