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# Department Report October 2015

Community Development Services Department

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Description	October-15			October-14		
	Applied	Issued	YTD Issued	Applied	Issued	YTD Issued
<b>Building Permits</b>						
Commercial - New	0	0	4	0	0	1
Commercial - Addition / Remodel	1	1	13	0	1	4
Commercial - Accessory	1	1	4	1	1	3
Residential - New	8	7	53	1	0	37
Residential - Addition / Remodel	0	0	16	2	1	23
Residential - Accessory Structure	19	22	174	20	19	175
Electrical Permits	8	10	134	10	9	111
Plumbing Permits	20	21	102	6	6	89
HVAC / Mechanical Permits	40	40	291	12	12	131
Miscellaneous Permits	20	22	196	13	13	206
Demolition Permits	0	1	3	0	0	5
BCA Appeals of Building Official	0	0	0	0	0	0
BCA Variances	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sign Permits</b>						
Temporary Signs	5	5	49	8	8	60
Permanent Signs	4	2	14	1	1	10
<b>Regulatory Permits</b>						
Large Scale Development	0	1	5	0	0	14
Preliminary Plat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Final Plat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lot Split / Incidental Subdivision	1	0	4	1	1	11
Easement, Alley, R.O.W. Vacation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waiver Requests	0	0	1	0	0	3
Variances to BZA	0	0	4	0	0	3
BZA Appeals of Planning Official	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annexation Requests	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rezoning Requests	0	0	1	1	0	1
Conditional Use Permits	0	0	5	2	0	4
Floodplain Development Permits	0	0	1	0	0	6
ROW Use Permits	4	4	29	2	2	14
Grading/Erosion Control	13	14	99	5	5	69
<b>Monthly Permit Volume</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>151</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>79</b>	
<b>YTD Permit Volume</b>			<b>1202</b>			<b>980</b>

Meetings and Functions
10/16: Staff attended the Board of Construction Appeals meeting.
10/19: Staff attended the City Council work session.
10/20: Director Suneson attended the Department Heads Meeting.
10/21: Staff attended the Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting.
10/26: Staff attended the City Council regular meeting.
10/28: Staff attended the Planning Commission work session.

2015 New Residential Homes	Year Over Year	
	2015	2014
Average Review Time (Days)	1	2
Total Mon Valuation	1,890,000	14,260,000
YTD Valuation	14,260,000	10,377,000

2015 New Commercial	Year Over Year	
	2015	2014
Average Review Time (Days)	16	18
Total Monthly Valuation	0	2,852,000
YTD Valuation	2,582,000	518,000

Code Enforcement	Oct-15	Oct-14	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
New Cases	132	153	1,477	2,067
By Complaint				
Code Enforcement	67	135	660	1,495
Citizens	65	18	817	572
Pending Cases	7	0	70	1
Avg Response Time (Days)	2	1	11	11
Points of Public Contact	210	193	1,909	2,225

Building Inspections	Oct-15	Oct-14	YTD 2015	YTD 2014
Total Inspections	170	129	1,538	1286

- Department Activities**
- Director Suneson passed the Legal & Management segments of the Certified Building Official certification requirements.
  - Associate Planner Drew Dingler left employment with the Department and relocated to Memphis, TN.
  - Sarah Bingham started employment as an Associate Planner.
  - Director Suneson negotiated design contracts for Riordan Road and lower Suits Us Drive for capital improvement projects, which were approved by City Council.
  - Steve Cash attended the IAEI Fall Conference in Eureka Springs.
  - A demolition permit was issued for the Jackson property located at 9276 Suits Us Drive.
  - A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the Mason Dixon Cafe at the Highlands Clubhouse.
  - Director Suneson, Jennifer Bonner, and Chief Farmer attended the Regional Bike/Ped Plan 5 E's Workshop. This fulfills 3 of 5 implementation goals of the Two County Bike/Ped Plan.
  - Staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the Trails for Life Grant Administration by Arkansas Parks & Tourism.
  - Mayor Christie, Staff Attorney Jason Kelley, and Director Suneson met with the Richard and Tom McKinney regarding unsafe structures at 9286 & 9290 Suits Us Drive.
  - Director Suneson and Communications Manager Cassi Lapp met with Toni Lacaussi of the BV Garden Club to plan the daffodil planting project.
  - A lease was signed and renovations begun for the new CDS office location at 616 W. Lancashire Blvd.