

BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT 2012 FINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

BUILDING ACTIVITY

	Number Of Permits	Construction Value	Fees Received
January 2012	14	\$84,050.00	\$637.90
January 2011	9	\$206,745.00	\$829.31
February 2012	13	\$291,660.00	\$1,224.18
February 2011	11	\$65,740.00	\$545.44
March 2012	38	\$532,179.51	\$2,628.11
March 2011	27	\$114,480.00	\$958.62
April 2012	35	\$1,426,442.00	\$4,321.84
April 2011	37	\$332,640.00	\$2,360.80
May 2012	49	\$184,178.00	\$1,789.55
May 2011	37	\$230,645.00	\$1,792.55
June 2012	48	\$1,104,670.93	\$4,082.47
June 2011	42	\$326,162.00	\$2,467.94
July 2012	35	\$684,998.00	\$3,327.87
July 2011	38	\$567,393.00	\$4,435.86
August 2012	38	\$268,968.00	\$2,071.60
August 2011	45	\$602,630.00	\$4,599.63
September 2012	29	\$270,725.00	\$2,410.12
September 2011	28	\$219,789.00	\$2,474.61
October 2012	35	\$502,200.66	\$3,824.88
October 2011	36	\$427,143.00	\$2,239.64
November 2012	16	\$67,591.00	\$748.35
November 2011	21	\$102,559.00	\$885.60
December 2012	17	\$65,874.00	\$564.90
December 2011	11	\$190,296.00	\$948.20
Jan – Dec. 2012	367	\$5,483,537.10	\$27,652.37
Jan – Dec. 2011	342	\$3,386,221.96	\$24,537.48

Upon review of the above comparison of the number of building permits issued, construction value and building permit fees collected generated in 2012 versus 2011 the following can be determined:

- 1.) The 367 building permits issued in the year 2012 represents a increase of 25 building permits from the 367 building permits issued in 2011, or an increase of 7%.
- 2.) Construction value increased by \$2,097,315.14 from \$3,386,221.96 in 2011 to \$5,483,537.10 in 2012. This increase in construction value is evidence that economic conditions appear to be improving in the City of Lincoln and property owners are making improvements to their properties that had been put off in years past.
- 3.) Given the increase in the number of building permits issued and an increase in construction value, there resulted an 11% increase in building permit fees from \$24,537.48 in 2011 to \$27,652.37 in 2012.
- 4.) Comparison of the attached Summary of Building Reports for the years 2011 and 2012 provides further evidence that the level of reinvestment in residential properties increased in 2012, with a notable increase in the number of remodeling, roofing and siding permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Following is a comparison of the number of ordinance violation letters generated in 2012 versus 2011:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
January	94	50
February	38	67
March	111	109
April	105	238
May	170	180
June	132	80

July	169	178
August	127	213
September	112	80
October	62	81
November	53	64
December	61	57
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TOTAL:	1,234	1,397

Upon review of the above comparison of the number of ordinance violation generated during 2011 and 2012 the following can be determined:

- 1.) During 2012 the number of ordinance violations generated by the Building and Safety office continued to increase by 163 violation letters, representing an increase of 12 % from 2011.
- 2.) Given the relatively high number of violation letters generated throughout the year provides evidence that the Building and Safety Department continues to be highly committed in identifying and bringing nonconforming properties into compliance with the requirements of the City Code. While the number of grass and weed related ordinance violations were no longer a focus of the Building and Safety Department after October, the Building and Safety Department remained focused on addressing other property maintenance violations that were found to exist.
- 3.) The generation of 238 ordinance violation letters in April 2012 compared to 105 ordinance violation letters being generated in April 2011 represented a focused effort by the Building and Safety Department to get a jump on properties in violation of the City Code and give the department more time to work with affected property owners over the course of the summer.