

# BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT 2013 FINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

## BUILDING ACTIVITY

	Number Of Permits	Construction Value	Fees Received
January 2013	14	\$543,511.00	\$2,153.73
January 2012	14	\$84,050.00	\$637.90
February 2013	14	\$80,320.00	\$663.60
February 2012	11	\$283,084.00	\$1,144.70
March 2013	17	\$128,655.00	\$959.35
March 2012	38	\$532,179.51	\$2,648.71
April 2013	50	\$756,862.02	\$4,885.57
April 2012	26	\$1,389,823.00	\$3,978.07
May 2013	46	\$317,999.19	\$2,391.24
May 2012	49	\$184,178.00	\$1,789.55
June 2013	57	\$388,728.90	\$2,784.34
June 2012	48	\$1,104,670.93	\$4,082.47
July 2013	38	\$8,498,180.00	\$48,136.28
July 2012	35	\$684,998.00	\$3,327.87
August 2013	61	\$740,699.00	\$4,359.58
August 2012	38	\$268,968.00	\$2,071.60
September 2013	28	\$154,250.00	\$1,334.68
September 2012	29	\$270,725.00	\$2,410.12
October 2013	40	\$4,530,566.00	\$24,544.94
October 2012	35	\$502,200.66	\$3,824.88
November 2013	17	\$375,530.00	\$6,654.30
November 2012	16	\$67,591.00	\$748.35
December 2013	15	\$300,100.00	\$1,574.30
December 2012	17	\$65,874.00	\$564.90
Jan – Dec. 2013	397	\$16,815,401.11	\$100,441.91
Jan – Dec. 2012	367	\$5,483,537.10	\$27,652.37

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 397 building permits issued in the year 2013 represents an increase of 30 building permits from the 367 building permits issued in 2012, or an increase of 8%.
- 2.) Construction value increased by \$11,331,864.01 from \$5,483,537.10 in 2012 to \$16,815,401.11 in 2013 or an increase of 67%. This significant increase in construction value is primarily due to large scale projects such as the Plowfield Square apartment, Timber Creek Assisted Living facility and the new Illinois American Water facility, but is also 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 72% increase in building permit fees from \$27,652.37 in 2012 to \$100,441.91 in 2013.
- 4.) Comparison of the attached Summary of Building Reports for the years 2012 and 2013 details the significant increase in new construction but also provides further evidence that the level of reinvestment in residential properties increased in 2013, with a notable increase in the number of alteration permits.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

Following is a comparison of the number of ordinance violation letters generated in 2013 versus 2012:

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>
January	50	74
February	67	50
March	109	91
April	238	158
May	180	185

June	80	123
July	178	187
August	213	162
September	80	128
October	81	149
November	64	60
December	57	44
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,411</b>

Upon review of the above comparison of the number of ordinance violation generated during 2012 and 2013 the following can be determined:

- 1.) During 2013 the number of ordinance violations generated by the Building and Safety office was consistent with the previous year and slightly increased by 14 violation letters, representing an increase of 1 % from 2012.
- 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.