

# 2005 Building Permits & Inspection Department Year End Report

## 2005 Building Permits and Inspections Department Activities

This portion of this report summarizes the activities of the Conway, Arkansas Building Permits and Inspections Department in 2005. The report is given in a synopsis form with the following presented in various categories of activities.

### **STAFF**

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### **PERMITS**

#### **NUMBER OF SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS**

The volume of building in Conway decreased approximately 2% from 2004 (based on single family housing permits). This resulted in 488 single family housing permits being issued, compared to the 2004 record of 499 permits.

#### **CONSTRUCTION RELATED PERMITS**

A total of 971 construction related permits were issued in 2005. The breakdown into types of construction permits follows:

971	-Building Permits (up 54 from 2004)
956	-Electrical Permits (down 54 from 2004)
767	-Plumbing Permits (up 23 from 2004)
719	-Mechanical Permits (down 59 from 2004)
47	-Parking Lot Permits (up 3 from 2004)
579	-Gas Permits (down 96 from 2004)
196	-Sign Permits (down 96 from 2004)
4235	-Total (down 225 from 2004)

## Building Permits

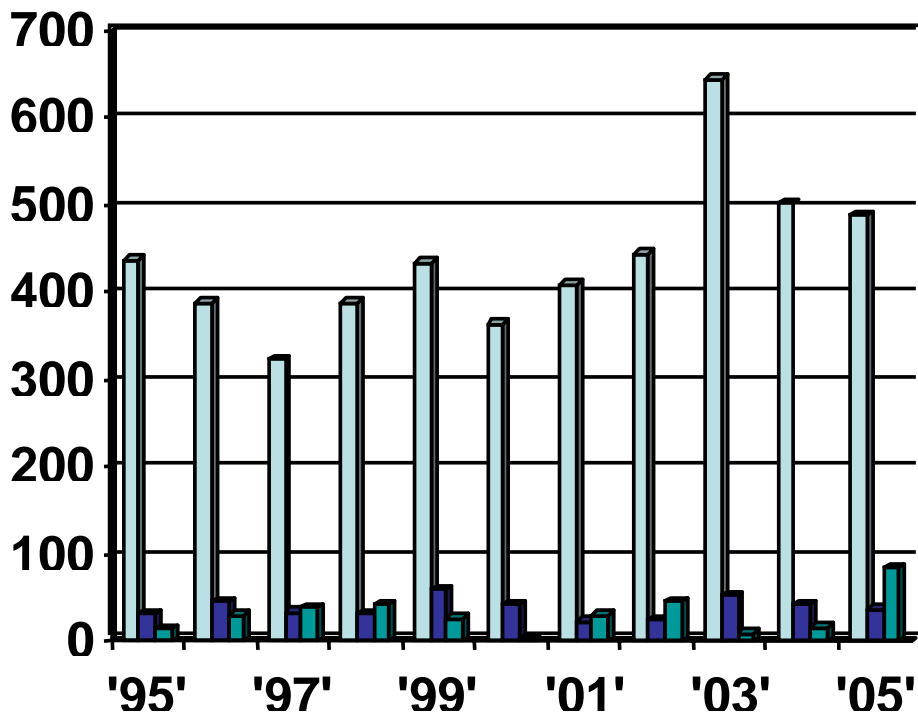
Permits	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Single Family	409	445	645	502	488
Duplex	11	6	10	7	12
Commercial	23	25	53	43	38
Institutional	3	6	1	5	5
Acc/Residence				92	96
Add/Residence	75	67	69	56	62
Add/Commercial	22	12	15	14	16
Rem/Residence	39	28	37	44	47
Rem/Commercial	65	70	82	93	85
Rem/Institutional	22	10	3	9	9
Multifamily	31	46	9	16	86
Acc/Multifamily				1	8
Temporary Building	6	7	22	6	6
Add/Accessory			2	0	1
Acc/Commercial				5	3
Add/Duplex				0	1
Add/Institutional	8	4	4	3	4
Add/Industrial			4	3	1
Rem/Industrial	2			3	1
Industrial				0	1
Rem/Duplex	1	1	1	5	1
Accessory---*	91	128	113		
Total Permits Issued	808	855	1070	937	971

\* Accessory permits were counted together in 2001, 2002 and 2003

The 971 building permits issued in 2005 covered buildings with an estimated construction cost of \$198,545,106.00. This is an increase of 29% from 2004.

# Total Building Permits Issued

10-year comparison  
1995-2005



## Construction costs as estimated by builders

<u>Year</u>	<u>Construction cost</u>
1995	\$84,121,068
1996	\$102,277,794
1997	\$73,098,027
1998	\$114,357,804
1999	\$150,900,896
2000	\$87,100,535
2001	\$97,722,108
2002	\$104,260,756
2003	\$136,327,284
2004	\$141,306,685
2005	\$198,545,106

# **IMPACT FEES**

	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
Commercial	\$84,193	\$256,517
Residential (Streets)	\$320,262	\$627,873
Residential (Parks)	\$211,727	\$407,944
Total	\$616,182	\$1,292,334

There was a 52% increase in volume of impact fees collected since 2004.

No. of Com/permits with I/F	18	33
No. of Res. Permits (streets & parks)	291	436
Total	309	469

There was a 33 % increase in number of residential permits issued with Impact Fees that went to improvements on streets and parks

Commercial impact fees increased by 45%.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS ISSUED

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Abandoned or inoperable vehicle openly stored on lot	362	190
Trash receptacles left out after pickup date	1,464	626
Rubbish, trash and brush accumulated on lot	750	529
Grass grown more than 10 inches on lot	455	749
Open storage of refrigerators, furniture, etc.	485	306
Illegal Dumping	119	5
Dilapidated houses or structures	35	33
Stagnate pools of water accumulated on lot/ Tire ordinance	41	45
Violation of trailer ordinance	78	28
Shrubbery and plants blocking intersection	8	3
Miscellaneous complaints	<u>420</u>	<u>132</u>
Total	4,217	2,646

There were 319 follow up letters sent after citations were issued. The follow up letters are sent if the citation has not been corrected after 7 days.