

Conway Planning & Development Permit & Code Enforcement 2008 Year End Report

2008 Building Permits and Inspections Department Activities

This portion of this report summarizes the activities of the Conway, Arkansas Building Permits and Inspections Division in 2008. The report is given in a synopsis form with the following presented in various categories of activities.

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PERMITS

NUMBER OF SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS

The volume of building in Conway decreased approximately 60% from 2007 (based on single family housing permits). This resulted in 189 single family housing permits being issued, compared to the 2007 record of 314 permits.

CONSTRUCTION RELATED PERMITS

A total of 2975 construction related permits were issued in 2008. The breakdown into types of construction permits follows:

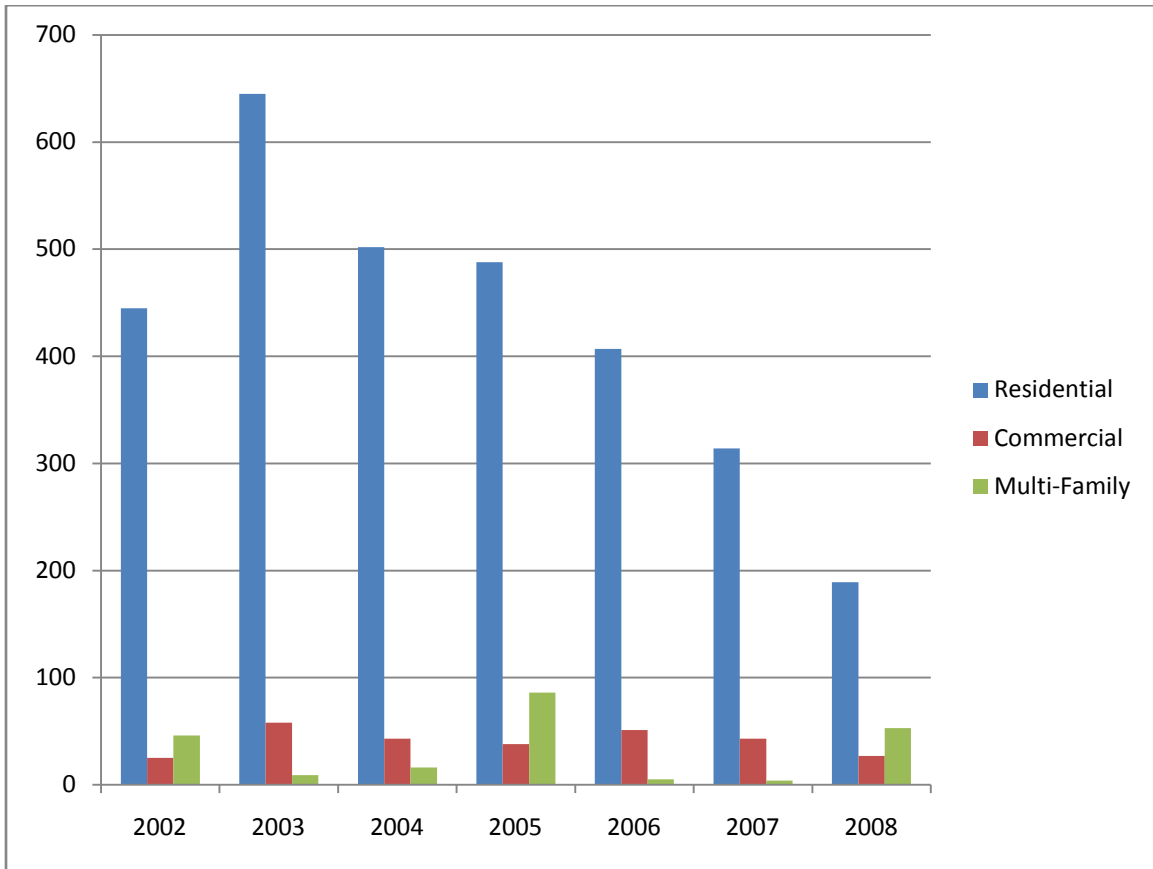
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| 655 | -Building Permits (down 50 from 2007) |
| 758 | -Electrical Permits (down 101 from 2007) |
| 450 | -Plumbing Permits (down 138 from 2007) |
| 527 | -Mechanical Permits (down 90 from 2007) |
| 47 | -Parking Lot Permits (up 8 from 2007) |
| 294 | -Gas Permits (down 107 from 2007) |
| 244 | -Sign Permits (down 102 from 2007) |
| 2975 | -Total (down 580 from 2007) |

BUILDING PERMITS

| Permits | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Single Family | 645 | 502 | 488 | 407 | 314 | 189 |
| Duplex | 10 | 7 | 12 | 27 | 45 | 30 |
| Commercial | 53 | 43 | 38 | 51 | 43 | 27 |
| Institutional | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Multi-Family | 9 | 16 | 86 | 5 | 4 | 53 |
| Industrial | | | 1 | 4 | | 15 |
| Temp. Bldg | 22 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 12 |
| Acc/Res | | 92 | 96 | 65 | 90 | 76 |
| Add/Res | 69 | 56 | 62 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| Add/Com | 15 | 14 | 16 | 9 | 15 | 2 |
| Rem/Res | 37 | 44 | 47 | 55 | 47 | 63 |
| Rem/Com | 82 | 93 | 85 | 67 | 63 | 78 |
| Rem/Inst. | 3 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 12 | 13 |
| Acc/Multi-Family | | 1 | 8 | 7 | | 20 |
| Add/Acc | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 |
| Acc/Com | | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Add/Duplex | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Add/Inst. | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Add/Indust. | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| Rem/Indust. | | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Rem/Duplex | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Acc/Inst. | | | | | 3 | 4 |
| Rem/Acc | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Total Permits Issued | 1070 | 937 | 971 | 799 | 706 | 655 |

The 655 Building Permits issued in 2008 were valued at \$135,577,432.00 as estimates given by the builders. This is a increase of 13.5% from 2007.

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
7-YEAR COMPARISON
1998-2008



Construction costs are estimated by builders on all permits issued

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Construction Cost</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2002 | \$104,260,756 |
| 2003 | \$136,327,284 |
| 2004 | \$141,306,685 |
| 2005 | \$198,545,106 |
| 2006 | \$158,592,893 |
| 2007 | \$119,924,087 |
| 2008 | \$135,577,432 |

Impact Fees

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commercial | 84,193 | 256,517 | 491,109 | 558,520 | 327,662 |
| Res. (Streets) | 320,262 | 627,873 | 967,773 | 742,503 | 781,529 |
| Res. (Parks) | 211,727 | 407,944 | 601,796 | 461,677 | 281,740 |
| Total | \$616,182 | \$1,292,334 | \$2,060,678 | \$1,762,700 | 1,390,931 |

There was a 21.5% decrease in volume of impact fees collected since 2007.

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| # of Com. | 18 | 33 | 57 | 35 | 68 |
| #. of Res. | 291 | 436 | 421 | 345 | 234 |
| Total | 309 | 469 | 478 | 380 | 302 |

There was a 21% decrease in number of residential permits issued with Impact Fees that went to improvements on streets and parks.

Commercial impact fees increased by 94%.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Violation Count / Neighborhood Report

From: Jan 01, 2008 To: Dec 31, 2008

Most common Violations

| Short Description | Violation Count |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Grass Ordinance | 1254 |
| Rubbish, trash, unsanitary matter | 440 |
| Appliance/Furniture Ordinance | 424 |

Violation Cases

| Council District | Short Description | Violation Count |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| | Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance | 155 |
| | Animal Control | 1 |
| | Appliance/Furniture Ordinance | 424 |
| | Dilapidate Structure Ordinance | 38 |
| | Grass Ordinance | 1254 |
| | Illegal Drainage | 1 |
| | Illegal Dumping in Drainage Ditch | 9 |
| | Illegal Dumping Ordinance | 4 |
| | Rec/Com vehicle Ordinance | 8 |
| | Rubbish, trash, unsanitary matter | 440 |
| | Sediment on Road Ordinance | 36 |
| | Sign Ordinance | 227 |
| | Stagnate Water Ordinance | 33 |
| | Street Address Ordinance | 8 |
| | Tire Ordinance | 30 |
| | Trailer Ordinance | 51 |
| | Trash Can Ordinance | 294 |
| | Zoning Ordinance | 59 |