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BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT STAFF

STAFF

Eric Tessman, *Building Official*

Joe Gibbins, *Building Inspector*

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Colleen Martino, *Support Staff*

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BACKGROUND

The Building Division contains two full-time support staff, one part-time support staff, one building official and four inspectors.

Eric Tessman is the Building Official for the city. The inspectors review plans for compliance with building, mechanical, plumbing, energy and accessibility codes. They also inspect buildings under construction/renovation and conduct code enforcement inspections. Support staff issue building permits, schedule inspections, receive and process all permit applications and prepare those applications for the review process.



OVERVIEW

Permits are required for things ranging from simple projects - such as installing a water heater - to larger, more complex projects, like constructing an apartment building or commercial building. The permitting process ensures that the project meets or exceeds all applicable codes and, most importantly, that the building is safe for occupants. A single permit will likely result in the need for multiple inspections.

PERMITS ISSUED IN 2025

Permits Type	2025
Building	1,009
Commercial Building	69
Plumbing	1,309
Mechanical	877
Septic	9
Totals:	3,273

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN 2025

Permit Type	# OF PERMITS	AVERAGE VALUATION	TOTAL VALUATION
Addition	3	\$573,333	\$1,720,000
Foundation Only	1	\$14,561,000	\$14,561,000
New	5	\$9,201,000	\$46,005,000
Remodel	35	\$273,434	\$9,570,176

NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOME CONSTRUCTION IN 2025 (ATTACHED AND DETACHED)

Home Type	# OF PERMITS	AVERAGE VALUATION	TOTAL VALUATION
Detached	11	\$578,959	\$6,368,549
Attached	4	\$294,162	\$1,176,650



OVERVIEW

Inspections are conducted by the inspectors after the permit has been issued. Some permits require only one inspection, while others require multiple inspections. A new home, for example, requires our building inspectors to conduct over ten inspections before the building permit is finalized. Inspections are conducted to ensure that permitted work meets the minimum requirements of the code and the manufacturer's specifications.

INSPECTIONS

Inspection Type	2025
Building Inspections	2,896
Plumbing Inspections	1,290
Mechanical Inspections	1,219
Code Enforcement Inspections	249
Septic Inspections	18
Zoning Inspections	6
Totals:	5,678

OVERVIEW

Plan reviews are conducted by the inspectors in the office before a permit is issued. Inspectors will review the project submittals and identify any issues that are found to be not compliant with the applicable code prior to work proceeding. This process allows for issues to be identified early on in the process, thereby significantly reducing higher costs if the issue had not been identified until later in the process.

PLAN REVIEWS

Plan Review Type	2025
Building	824
Commercial Building	227
Plumbing Inspections	60
Mechanical Inspections	80
Totals:	1,191



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STAFF

In 2025, Tyler Vickerman completed four Building Inspection Technology courses from North Hennepin Community College and received his Building Inspection Technology Certificate. Receiving this certificate gives Tyler enough points to sit for the Building Official Certification test with the Department of Labor and Industry.

Tyler is scheduled to take the Building Official Certification test in 2026.



TECHNOLOGY

In January 2025, the Building Department began preparing to make the switch to ePlanSoft for plan review. This involved several setup/implementation meetings as well as several months of testing.

In August 2025, the Building Department transitioned to ePlanSoft for all building, mechanical, plumbing, fire and zoning plan reviews. EPlanSoft communicates with our building department's permitting software (BS&A). It allows plan reviewers to review their plans concurrently with other plan reviewers. Reviewers can add comments, concerns and highlights to plans and those comments are then brought back to BS&A as well as the contractor.

Making the switch to ePlanSoft has made the plan review process more efficient and we look forward to making further improvements to the plan review process in 2026 and beyond.

