



STAFF REPORT

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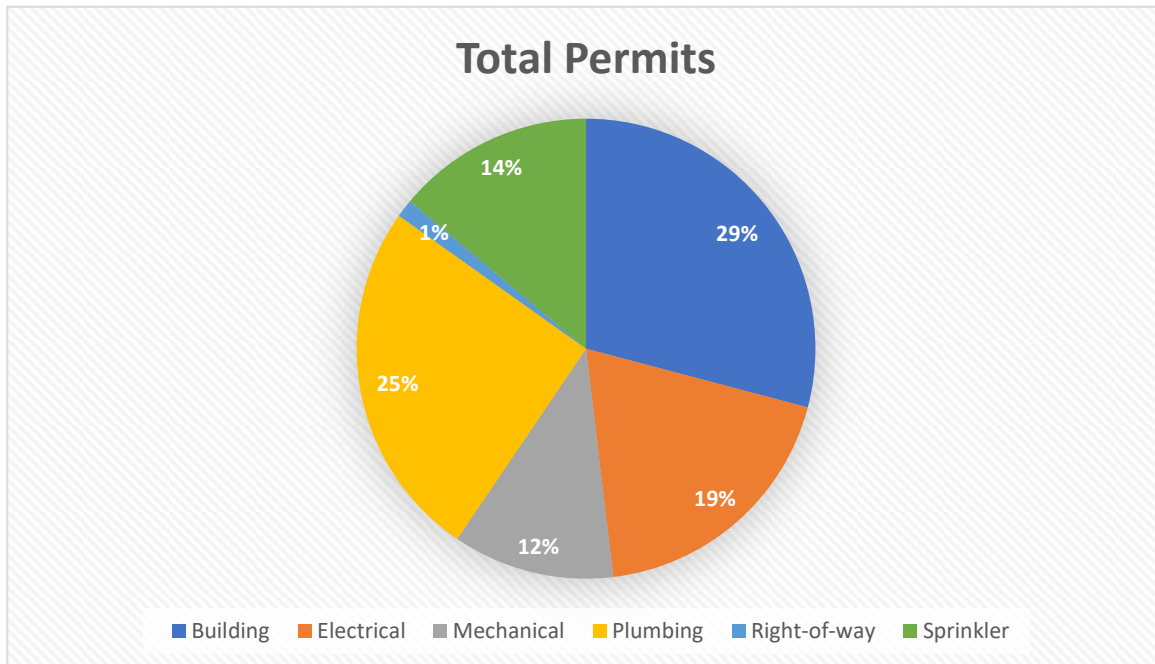
TO: Ty Lasher, City Council

FROM: Department of Planning and Community Development

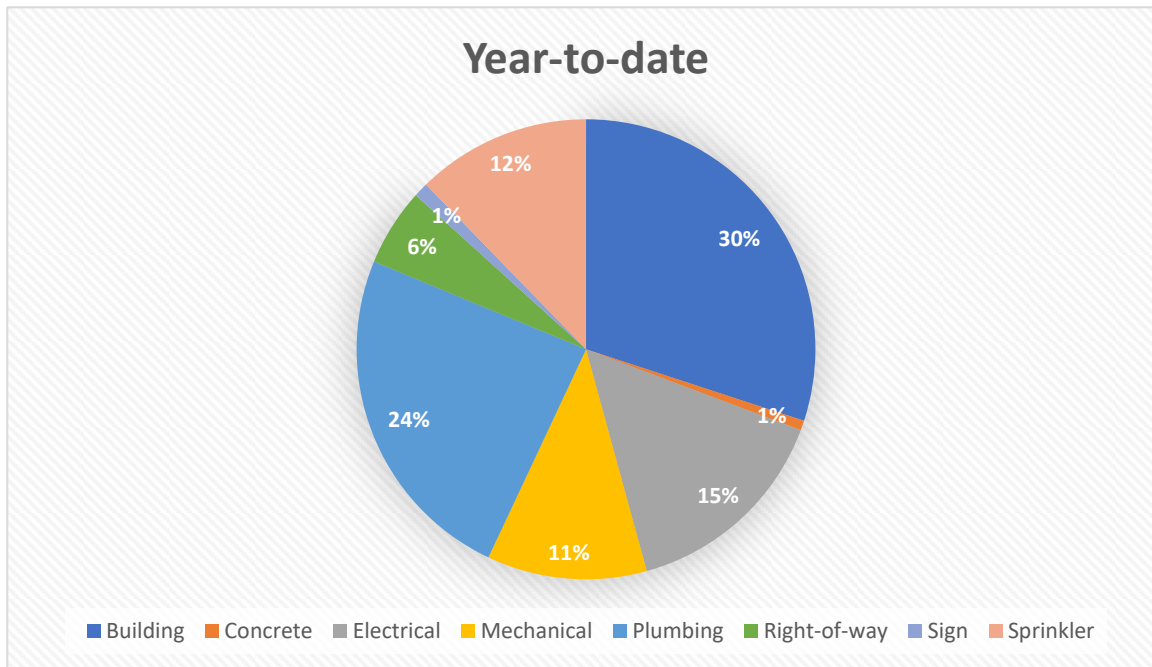
RE: April 2023 Monthly Report

Permits:

In the month of April, 79 permits were applied for in the total of \$51,210.10. The breakdown of those permits are as follows:



For the calendar year 2023, 293 permits were applied for in the total of \$266,807.35 in fees. The following chart shows the breakdown of the types of permits pulled by percentage of the 293 total permits.



Projects and Code Enforcement

The sidewalk from Central Park Ave to Isley School on Woodlawn was started in March and has been completed. We are now working to avoid any possible erosion issues with fill dirt and a retaining wall at the north end of the sidewalk.



One of the most common complaints to code enforcement during springtime is tall grass and weed control. About 50% of the complaints received involve weeds and tall grass. The City Code defines this nuisance in Section 9.5.2 (E) as “Weeds and indigenous grasses which, because of their height, have a blighting influence on neighboring property or properties. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed twelve inches in height.” At the beginning of Spring, Code Enforcement Officer, Garrett Wichman, will send a Courtesy Notice as an educational tool for citizens to understand their obligations. If the issue is unresolved, an Abatement Notice is then pursued. Below is an example of a tall grass complaint received in April:



Another complaint received was vehicles, trailers, and other items blocking sidewalks. On April 10th, Garrett Wichman sent out a letter to over 80 residents in Bel Aire Village (numerous complaints came from this area) to inform residents of the City Code that defines this particular nuisance. City Code 9.3.2 (N) states that “Any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the city.” Below is an example of a complaint received:



Building Department

The month of May is Building Safety Month. The International Code Council has created a webpage to raise awareness of the importance of building safety. The webpage can be found at www.buildingsafetymonth.org.

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