



TO: Fruita City Council and Mayor

FROM: Planning & Development Department

DATE: April 2, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: Fruita Building Division - Update

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this coversheet is to communicate with the City Council about the Fruita Building Division. On February 20, 2023, the Fruita Building Division officially had its first day. In 2022, the City Council gave direction to the City Manager to research the feasibility of transitioning Building Department services from Mesa County to an internal service with final direction coming from the City Council in August 2022.

The Building Division is fully staffed with extensive experience. John Anderson as the Chief Building Official, Mike Mossburg as a Senior Combination Building Inspector/Plans Examiner, Jen Wooten as a Senior Electrical Inspector, and James Cope as an Electrical Inspector. The Building Division team holds numerous International Code Council (ICC) Certificates needed to perform their jobs at a high level including the most recent certificate issued to Jen on June 22, 2023, as a Certified Commercial Electrical Inspector. Jen also achieved a major milestone in her career and passed her Master Electrician License exam in 2023.

Over the past year, the Building Division has had many accomplishments including issuing over 800 permits and completing over 3,700 inspections all while keeping the City's Core Services in mind. In addition to their daily duties, the Building Division has held a number of community engagements including the Fruita Academy, Community Meet & Greet, and presenting to the HBA of Western Colorado. Furthermore, the Building Division hosted a 2023 Code Training Seminar over a three-day period that covered building codes and implementation.

From 2/20/23 to 3/26/24:

- Permits Issued – 827.
- Inspections Completed – 3,708.
- Certificates of Occupancy (CO's) issued – 38.
- Building Permit Fee's collected - \$231,371.86.
- Plan Review Fee's collected - \$19,488.11.

All building permits are submitted, reviewed, and issued through Cloudpermit which is a cloud-based permitting software. Utilizing this cloud-based software has allowed the city to save office space and money that would be used to print and store physical building permit plans. The City of Fruita was the first in Colorado to utilize Cloudpermit and in a short amount of time, 9 additional communities have decided to use Cloudpermit as their permitting software.

Attachments:

1. 2023 Fee Schedule
2. PowerPoint Presentation