



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 01/06/2026

PRESENTER: Rashad Jackson, AICP, CPM – Planning & Development Director

TITLE: Planning & Development Department Acknowledgment - National Ranking for Permitting Efficiency

REVIEWING COMMITTEE:

SUMMARY:

Planning & Development Department Acknowledgment - National Ranking for Permitting Efficiency

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

According to CRE Daily, a digital media outlet covering the commercial real estate industry, Grand Prairie has been ranked in the top 10 in the nation for permitting efficiency. This incredible recognition comes from Labrynth’s 2025 Red Tape Index 500, which is an AI-driven analysis evaluating how quickly and effectively cities process development permits.

The Red Tape Index evaluates 500 U.S. cities with populations of 50,000 or more, measuring factors such as permitting speed, transparency, and communication, and year-over-year improvement. In a time when permitting is often seen as a regulatory hurdle, we have been acknowledged as an example of permitting efficiency. Through our team’s consistent dedication to our standards, permits become more than paperwork—they become a reliable measurement of structural integrity, safety, and the proper installation of critical systems like electrical and plumbing. And now, our impact is being recognized on a national stage. Ranking in the Top 10—at an incredible #6 in the entire country (#2 in our population range)—is a great achievement and a true celebration of our team’s commitment to fast, transparent, customer-focused service.