

Community Development

Inspections and Permit Activity:

- Linn-Mar’s Performance Venue addition contactor has been working on setting the precast walls. Building Division staff has been out for some foundation and framing inspections. The administration building is working to finish up the interior and exterior of the building and are hoping for an October occupancy.
- Mercy Emergency Department is on schedule. There are few small items for a final occupancy, a Temporary Occupancy has been granted with a November/December opening planned.
- Holiday Inn Hotel Is working to finish the rooms on all floors. Floor by floor occupancy inspections will be starting soon.
- Building permits for East Town apartments (6154 Carlson Way) and Shadow Ridge Mixed Use building (2861 Prairie Hill Drive) have been issued. Foundation work for both is going on now, with framing to start by the end of October.

Building Inspections	Current	Last Month	Last Year
All Construction	545	661	647
Wrecking Finals	3	1	2
Beer & Liquor Inspections	7	7	3
Complaint Inspections	4	17	9
Total Inspections	559	686	661
Permit Activity			
Active Department Permits	1,809	1,870	6,495
Permits Issued	250	301	323
New Single Family	11	11	15
New Multi-Family (Units)	2 (62)	0 (0)	0 (0)
New Commercial	4	0	0
Remodel/Addition Commercial	4	3	2
Active Commercial Permits	34	36	n/a
Completed Commercial Permits	3	6	n/a

Rental Housing	Current	Last Month	Last Year
Rental Housing Units	4,927	4,928	4,683
Rental Inspections (By Unit)	357	239	285

Building Code Complaints	Current	Last Month	Last Year
New Complaints	3	10	3
Resolved Complaints	4	11	0
Active Complaints	49	50	55
Active Orders to Abate		14	n/a
Active Complaints By Type			
Building Miscellaneous	9	9	10
Debris In Yard	9	10	23
Housing	1	1	0
Property Maintenance	21	21	22
Vacant Neglected	9	9	n/a

Planning & Development Updates:

- Linn County is updating its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that includes all cities, unincorporated areas, and school districts in the county. The plan identifies how communities can minimize the negative impacts of hazards like tornadoes, drought and flooding. In addition to the benefits of planning ahead, communities with a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan qualify for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Programs to complete projects that minimize the negative impacts of hazards. City staff has completed surveys and review of plan updates with ECICOG Staff and are waiting for delivery of a final plan for review anticipated December 2024.
- Comprehensive Plan – RDG Planning and Design has been working on all aspects of the Plan in the background. Updates to both the Technical Committee and Visioning Committee will be provided in October at their respective meetings. A joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission is planned for October 23, 2024.
- 10th Avenue Renaming – September 19, 2024 the City Council approved the name change of 10th Avenue to Business Highway 151. Letters to affected owners were sent out and street blades will be ordered and updated October 2024.
- The City has applied for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TA Set-Aside or TAP) grant for assistance in the construction of a 10’ trail along the east side of 15th Street from 3rd Street to the Marion Independent High School. The sidewalk oversizing was identified within the MISD Safe Routes to School Plan as a priority project due to the number of students living in the surrounding neighborhoods and moving between schools for before and after school activities. Grant award is expected January 2025 for project letting in October 2025. The City and School Districts continue to work with EICOG regarding implementation of SRTS plans, including identifying sidewalk gaps throughout the community and strategies to complete installation.