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BUILDING DIVISION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Construction in 2025 saw construction activity remain consistent with permit and value of construction remaining comparable with what was realized in 2024. Commercial construction value remained higher with large commercial projects such as the Blackmore Marketplace retail stores (Burlington, HomeGoods, Maurices, 5 Below, Sierra Trading Post, and Barnes and Noble), as well as the Homewood Suites Hotel and new Natrona County Health Department. Single family residential new home construction saw an increase of 11 additional permits being issued over what was seen in 2024. Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical permits were also consistent from what was issued in 2024.

PERMIT REVENUE:

The Community Development Department issued 1,121 Building, 891 Electrical, 798 Plumbing and 721 Mechanical permits in 2025.

Breakdown of permit valuations for 2025:

Commercial construction	=	\$ 72,927,646.50
Residential construction	=	\$ 45,291,828.08
Electrical permits	=	\$ 14,426,689.44
Mechanical permits	=	\$ 12,719,884.53
Plumbing permits	=	\$ 8,324,832.70
Total value for 2025	=	\$153,690,881.25

Revenue fees collected = \$ 1,595,495.69

NOTABLE COMMERCIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- City Hall Remodel (200 N. David St.)
- City of Casper Water Meter Building (1650 S.W. Wyoming Blvd.)
- Riddle's Jewelry (5091 E. 2nd St.)
- CitiWerks (136 E. 2nd St. (Old R.W. Talbert building))
- Spence Law (306 S. David St.)
- Casper Vision Center (3503 Casper Mountain Rd.)
- Big D (4501 SW Wyoming Blvd.)
- Legacy Dental (1771 Goodstein)
- Aspen Dental (5081 E. 2nd St.)
- Lutheran College Dorm (2590 Luther Way), South of Smith's and Big O Tires on CY Ave.
- Stagepoint Credit Union Renovation (190 S. David St.)

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- NCSD Drivers Education Driver Training Course (2319 S.E. Wyoming Blvd.)
- Kia Dealership Remodel (2400 E. Yellowstone Hwy.)
- Buffalo Wild Wings Remodel (5071 E. 2nd St.)
- Western Vista F.C.U. (410 S.E. Wyoming Blvd. – Next to the old Village Inn Building)
- Burger King Remodel (4051 CY Ave.)
- Holiday Inn Renovations (4250 Legion Ln.)
- Courtyard by Marriott Renovations (4260 Hospitality Ln.)
- Homax Oil Convenience Store (518 S. Poplar St.)
- Casper Natrona County Health Department (1500 E. 12th St.)
- Natrona Collective Health Trust (NCHT) Remodel (421 S. Center St.)
- Les Schwab Tire Store (3301 Aerie – Near the Westside Walmart)
- University of Wyoming Family Medicine Remodel (1522 E. A St.)

NOTABLE COMMERCIAL PROJECTS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- Casport Mint, (170 Star Lane)
- Paradise Valley Christian Church (3025 Paradise Dr.)
- The Yellowstone Apartments (415 S. Oak St.)
- Hyatt Place Hotel (407 N. Walsh Dr.)
- Fairfield By Marriott (111 W. D St.)
- Homewood Suites (1251 Wilkins Cir.)
- Tractor Supply Remodel (5300 CY Ave.)
- Ace Greenhouse Addition (1375 CY Ave.)
- KW Concession Building (3500 E. 12th St.)
- Casper Housing Authority Project (129 N. Elk St.- Former Willard School)
- North Platte Physical Therapy (3910 Denis Dr – Near S.E. corner of Wyoming Blvd. and CY Ave.)
- Sierra Trading Post (500 Newport)
- HomeGoods (520 Newport)
- Burlington Stores (540 Newport)
- 5 Below (560 Newport)
- Maurices (580 Newport)
- Barnes and Noble (600 Newport)
- UniWyo Credit Union Remodel (777 Landmark Dr.)
- Cheba Hut (1668 Heathrow Ave. – Next to Jump Craze)

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NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION:

- New One/Two Family Dwelling units in the City of Casper = 73 for a value of \$29,135,566.68

NOTABLE MULTI-FAMILY PROJECTS:

Currently under construction (also listed under commercial projects still under construction):

- Yellowstone Apartments (Located in the Old Yellowstone District, 415 S. Elm St.)

INSPECTIONS:

Building Division completed inspections:

• Building, Residential/Commercial =	1,859
• Electrical =	2,267
• Plumbing =	1,816
• <u>Mechanical</u> =	<u>842</u>
Total Completed Inspections =	6,784

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS:

Properties that were posted as Dangerous Buildings in 2025 (Photos included below):

- 228 E. 8th St.
- 1142 N. Durbin St.
- 5130 S. Elm St.
- 1141, 1145, and 1147 S. Nebraska Ave.
- An accessory structure located at 837 N. Lincoln St.



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228 E. 8th St.

Before:



After:

The case is still active at this time.

1142 N. Durbin St.

Before:



After:

This case is still active at this time.

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5130 S. Elm St.

Before:



After:

This property was purchased by an investor who is currently renovating it.

1141, 1145, and 1147 S. Nebraska Ave.

Before:



After:

This property was purchased by an investor who is currently renovating it.

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837 N. Lincoln St.

Before:



After:



PROJECTS AND STAFFING:

The Building Division is currently working on revising the Buildings and Construction Chapter of the Casper Municipal Code to create a more organized and fluent document. Anticipated changes to Chapter 15 include the adoption of the 2026 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, licensing and permitting requirements for fire alarm and sprinkler system contractors and systems, additional subcontractor trade license categories, contractor licensing continuing education requirements, and updated permit fee and inspection schedules which will more fairly distribute fees across the residential and commercial construction spectrum.

The Building Division has also continued to address Dangerous Buildings through a collaborative effort with the Casper Police Department, Casper Fire Community Risk Reduction Division, Code Enforcement Division, Street Division, and the City Attorney's Office. These efforts are continuing to better neighborhoods and keep Casper the place that we all choose to live, work, and play. 2025 saw a slow in the demolition of Dangerous Buildings as a majority of the cases were either appealed and are still in process or the properties were purchased by investors who are currently rehabbing the buildings.

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The Building Division is optimistic that construction activity will continue to remain steady and is anxious to provide the services required to see future projects through from design to completion with plan reviews, licensing, permitting and inspections. Our team consists of:

- Liz Becher – Community Development Department Head
- Justin Scott – Chief Building Official
- Shawn Barrett – Deputy Building Inspector/Electrical Inspector
- Joe Porter – Electrical Inspector
- Brian DeVault – Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector
- Donnie Lane – Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector
- Zac Horner – Building Inspector
- Vacant – Permit Technician

We pride ourselves in maintaining our licensure and International Code Council Certifications, as well as in attending yearly continuing education courses to stay current on code changes and new building construction practices. In 2025, Joe Porter obtained his Master Electrician License and E5 International Code Council Electrical Inspector Certification. Shawn Barrett was promoted to Deputy Building Official and completed his International Code Council Electrical Plans Examiner Certification. The Building Division was also allowed to hire a Building Inspector in 2025. This position was filled by Zac Horner who is actively working on obtaining his International Code Council Building Inspector Certifications. Our dedication to professionalism and accountability ensures that the Building Division continues to maintain appropriate licensure for the areas that we oversee.

Our staff also prides ourselves on maintaining active participation with regional boards. Justin Scott participates in the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials (WCBO) and Shawn Barrett is the Vice-President of the Wyoming Chapter of the Independent Alliance of the Electrical Industry (IAEI). These boards are voluntarily pursued, which shows the dedication and time that the Building Division puts into being a statewide leader and partner in the industry that we are entrusted to regulate.

As always, we are just a phone call away and are ready to assist with any questions related to building projects.

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