

2010 ANNUAL REPORT ZONING OFFICE

Because of the severity of the August 2007 flood, we presently continue to deal with the houses that were affected. The number of properties still to be resolved is under 40 compared to under 100 this time last year. We continue to make personal visits, send correspondence to home owners, and have worked with the Flood Mitigation Partnership to issue permits to demolish the remaining properties. There were also several demolitions on city owned properties that were acquired due to the flood. Those properties have become green space throughout the city.

Zoning permits were down for 2010. Only 27 new single family dwelling permits were issued for the year. Fences, decks, and accessory buildings remained about the same. There were a few more home additions than last year.

Budget cuts were difficult to overcome with vehicle repairs and rising gas prices, but we managed to stay within the allotted budget with minimal loss to public service to the citizens of Findlay. We were able to acquire a new/used vehicle from the Fire Department that should be safer and require little maintenance in 2011.

Below is a summary of the permit activity in 2010. The continuing downturn in the housing market, a fragile economy; and lack of new subdivisions within the city limits have contributed to fewer permits being issued.

The Zoning Office will continue to have many challenges waiting in 2011. This office will be continuing its duties to respond to flood damaged properties as well as continuing to issue new permits and following up complaints received during 2011. It is our priority to maintain the highest level of customer service to the deserving citizens of Findlay.

**ZONING PERMITS COMPARISON
2010**

PERMIT TYPE	2010	2009	2008
Change/Conditional Use	18	22	5
Deck	32	46	50
Demolition	58	43	49
Flood Development	47	31	17
Fence	134	159	170
Miscellaneous Construction	9	4	8
Parking Lot	5	3	7
Swimming Pool	12	6	7
Room Replacement	6	3	7
Sign	40	41	33
Zoning – New Residential	26	36	47
Zoning – Accessory Structures	77	86	109
Zoning – New Business/Commercial	9	7	9
Zoning – Residential Additions	38	29	37
Zoning – Business/Commercial Additions	7	3	12