

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER 2019**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

Staff had 7 new and separate inquiries in December for possible projects with 3 meetings related specifically to ongoing initiatives. We have ongoing Economic Development projects both in the planning stage and under way. As of last week, there were 1279 job listings in the Decatur, Illinois area on indeed.com, one of the leading national job search sites. Casey's General Store led the way with 91 jobs, McDonalds with 44 jobs, ADM with 36 jobs, DPS 61 with 28 jobs, and DMH with 26 jobs. There were no IDES data available at time of report.

**PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION**

Staff typically process site plans, rezoning and conditional use permit requests, zoning variance applications, street and alley vacation requests, and subdivision plats submitted for compliance with local development regulations and ordinances. In December, staff in conjunction with other city departments reviewed two (2) submittals which included one (1) site plan and one (1) Final Plat including revisions. Staff researched four (4) Freedom of Information Act requests, wrote one (1) zoning verification letter, and began work on five (5) Plan Commission cases. Staff also attended several meetings and performed several landscape checks.

For the Decatur Urbanized Area Transportation Study (DUATS), staff continued to work on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update with the consultant.

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION**

For December, we issued a total of 77 permits with a total work value of \$3,271,246. Of those, we had three (3) permits each with a value of over \$200,000 [St. Mary's 7<sup>th</sup> floor Behavioral Health upgrade, Target remodel, and Akorn Pharmaceutical chiller enclosure].

<b>PERMIT TYPE</b>	<b># ISSUED</b>	<b>WORK VALUE</b>
Building	16	\$2,839,847
Demolition	16	214,253
Electrical	17	51,205
Mechanical	6	47,772
Other	4	48,897
Plumbing	16	44,472
Sign	2	24,800
Tent	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$3,271,246</b>

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION**

- Staff continued to prepare special reports for loans. Collections and delinquency reports continue on various loan accounts.
- Staff qualified homeowners and prepared environmental reports for the Residential Rehabilitation program.
- Staff began assistance through the Emergency program for homeowners with residential life threatening, health and safety issues, i.e. inoperable furnaces and electrical.
- Staff continued working with the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sidewalk project.
- Staff is preparing the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan. Public meetings are required to gather input as to gaps in community services.
- Staff continues to be active in the Continuum of Care process as well as homeless meetings, and events as required by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).
- CDBG sub grantees, Old King's Orchard Community Center and Project READ continue to submit monthly reports and positive outcomes. Both agreements end in March 2020.
- Staff attended meetings with outside agencies and various committees.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTIONS DIVISION**

Staff continued to enforce the International Property Maintenance Code and local City Ordinances (Chapters 48, 49, 56 and 70). The Division is committed to working with the citizens of Decatur to maintain a healthy and safe environment for those living here.

Twenty (20) demolitions were completed.

See attached for a summary of the work involved during December.

ATTACHMENT

**NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTIONS DIVISION  
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<b>NEW CASES</b>	
Health & Safety (72 Hour)	43
Direct to Legal (Repeat Offenders)	0
Housing and Unfit	3
No Garbage Service	5
Nuisance	96
Secure of Abandoned Buildings	6
Weeds	0
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>

<b>RE-INSPECTION VISITS</b>	
Code Enforcement	382
Weeds	0
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>382</b>

<b>CASES SENT TO LEGAL FOR COURT</b>	
Code Enforcement	10
Weeds	0

<b>WEED ABATEMENT</b>	
City Mowed - MCT lots	0
Owner Mowed	0
MCT Lots - Contractor Mowed	0
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>DEMOLITIONS</b>	
Year-to-Date Demolished	60
New Cases	3
Sent to Legal	0
Sent to Council	0
Out to Bid	0
Contracts Granted	0
Contract Amount	0.00
Permits Issued	5
Permits Finaled	20
Active Demolitions	165

<b>GARBAGE SERVICE COMPLAINTS</b>	
Received	0

<b>INVOICES*</b>	
New Invoices	27
Dollar Amount	\$14,991.72

<b>PAYMENTS RECEIVED**</b>	
Weeds (Year-to-date)	\$0.00

\* includes costs incurred by the City of Decatur - Health and Safety (72 hour), Securing of Abandoned Buildings and Weed Abatement

\*\* reimbursement for costs incurred by the City of Decatur for weed abatement.