



City of Yakima

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City of Yakima Building Starts on the Grow

Construction activity is off to a strong start in the City of Yakima for the first six months of 2018.

Information from the City's Planning Division shows 617 permits were issued through the first six months of 2018 (January 1 through June 30), with a total combined valuation of \$69.7 million. That's well above the pace at this point last year, when 538 permits with a valuation of \$37.9 million were issued during the first six months of 2017.

"It has been a busy first-half of the year," said Director of Community Development Joan Davenport. "It is encouraging to see such growth in 2018"

Other statistics for the first six months of 2018 show 72 permits issued for construction of single-family homes with combined valuation of \$17 million. By comparison, there were 47 permits issued during the first six months of 2017 with a valuation of \$11.9 million.

Another area of significant growth is new commercial construction.

There were 35 permits for new commercial construction issued through the first six months of 2018 with a combined valuation of \$34.6 million. The numbers through the first half of 2017 were 29 permits with \$11.3 million valuation.

Building permit statistics by month and year-to-date are available on the City of Yakima's "Permits" page, <http://bit.ly/PermitStats>