

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

It is my distinct pleasure to give my first annual report from the Department of Inspectional Services. The calendar year of 2006 was robust and the activity shows a great deal of new construction, additions, and alterations of all types and sizes in both the residential and commercial sectors.

The relatively level starts for single family homes and an increase in new commercial projects as well as permits for 90 units of assisted living units on West Street presented us with a very busy year.

We were able to make adjustments to the fee schedule which puts Ludlow in tune with the times after a 12 year span of status quo.

Projects on the horizon are to streamline the public safety inspections and to launch the multi-family inspection process in mid-July which includes rental property three units and up.

The past year or two included inspections of businesses and establishments with licenses to sell alcohol including package/liquor stores and places of less than 50 person occupant load. These inspections are performed by a building official, fire official, plumbing and gas inspector and the electrical inspector.

Last but not least is the eminent start of another large project on Miller Street near the junction of East Street. The project consists of an 80-unit over 55 condominium project development.

The following is a breakdown of the permit activity for the calendar year 2006, including public safety certificates.

# OF PERMITS	TYPE OF PERMIT	ESTIMATED VALUE
49	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	14,953,225
2	MULTI FAMILY DWELLING-90 UNITS	10,960,000
4	CONDOMINIUMS	1,080,000
41	DWELLING, ADDITIONS	1,337,700
68	DWELLING, ALTERATIONS.....	930,704
6	COMMERCIAL-NEW CONSTRUCTION	3,436,165
24	COMMERCIAL RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS	1,064,365
12	SUNROOMS	204,252
10	GARAGES/CARPORTS	85,245
34	DECKS	129,510
47	SWIMMING POOLS	592,100
13	PORCHES	46,100
64	FENCES	181,826
140	RESHINGLE.....	782,590
56	SIDING	369,244
67	WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT	344,008
59	STORAGE SHEDS	190,838
2	GAZEBOS	12,000
23	CHIMNEYS, WOOD-BURNING STOVES, ETC.....	70,305
22	PELLET STOVES, FURNACES	48,277
45	SIGNS	51,664
2	REPAIR FIRE-DAMAGED STRUCTURES	106,000
2	BARNs.....	7,000
7	RE-ROOF—COMMERCIAL.....	1,010,700
3	HANDICAP RAMPS	9,100
12	KITCHEN REMODEL	135,695
23	MISCELLANEOUS.....	74,335
16	PERMITS TO DEMOLISH	0
48	CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION – PAID.....	0

901	PERMITS ISSUED at an estimated value of	\$38,212,948
	FEES COLLECTED	\$122,687

The following is a listing of **ELECTRICAL PERMITS** issued.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	68
MULTI FAMILY DWELLINGS (90 UNITS)	1
ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS.....	38
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS.....	108
ANNUAL PERMIT TO JAIL	2
BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL, NEW	3
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS TO BUSINESS BLDGS.....	39
REPAIRS TO FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES.....	2
GARAGES.....	9
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING	13
FURNACES.....	15
PORCHES.....	4
SECURITY SYSTEMS	59
BOILERS	6
HOT TUBS	7
SHEDS.....	5
SIGNS.....	1
LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS.....	24
SWIMMING POOLS.....	34
SERVICE.....	187
MISCELLANEOUS.....	16
Total Number of ELECTRICAL Permits Issued:.....	.641
FEES COLLECTED.....	\$34,672

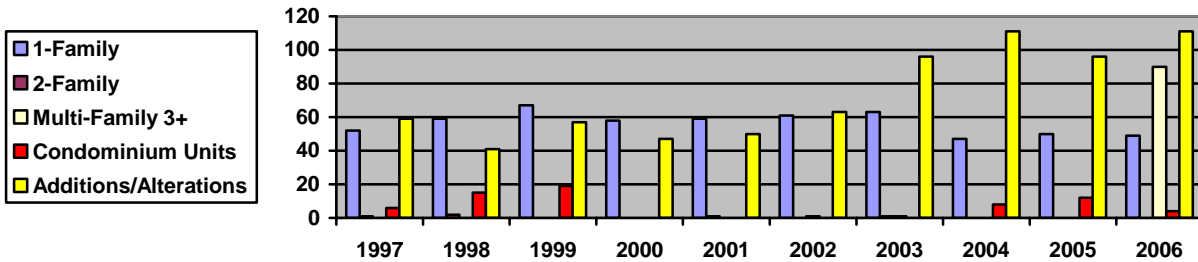
The following is a listing of **PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING PERMITS** issued.

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	58
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, GAS.....	58
MULTI FAMILY DWELLING (90 UNITS).....	1
NEW CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL	5
ADDITIONS DWELLINGS.....	5
ADDITIONS, COMMERCIAL	2
ADDITIONS, COMMERCIAL, GAS	2
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING.....	83
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING, GAS	22
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL.....	10
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL, GAS	14
ALTERATIONS TO INDUSTRIAL	1
ALTERATIONS TO INDUSTRIAL, GAS	1
HOT WATER TANKS	62
FIREPLACE, GAS.....	10
FURNACES, GAS	28
GAS LOGS	6
BOILERS	24
BACKFLOW PREVENTERS	28
MISCELLANEOUS GAS.....	30
MISCELLANEOUS PLUMBING.....	30

ROOF TOP HEATING UNITS, GAS..... 1
 SWIMMING POOL HEATERS, GAS..... 8
 COOKING RANGE, GAS 4
 VENTLESS ROOM HEATER, GAS 1
Total Number of PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING Permits Issued: 494
FEES COLLECTED..... \$24,130

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR 2006..... \$181,489

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1-Family	52	59	67	58	59	61	63	47	50	49
2-Family	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Multi-Family 3+	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	90
Condominium Units	6	15	19	0	0	0	0	8	12	4
Additions/Alterations	59	41	57	47	50	63	96	111	96	111



I want to express a special thank you for the hard work and diligence of my staff, Joseph (Sam) Kozicki, Plumbing/Gas Inspector, Antonio (Tony) Portelada, Inspector of Wires, and Lorraine Czapienski, Office Assistant, for helping me in the first 7 months to run this department efficiently and in a professional manner. I would also like to extend a thank you to Donald Demers, Assistant Building Inspector, Kevin Douville, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Richard Chenevert, Assistant Inspector of Wires for their support to this department.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brien E. Laporte, C.B.O.