



Development Services Newsletter

June 2022

New Chief Building Official

Andrew Espinoza has joined the Development Services department as the Director and Chief Building Official in early May. Assistant City Manager, Majed Al-Ghafry stated, "Andrew impressed me with his extensive background in the field and his ideas for improving the Development Services department. I know we made the right choice when deciding to add him to the team as the Director and Chief Building Official. There's a lot of work to be done, and I am confident Andrew is up to the task."



Welcome to Development Services, Andrew!



City Councilwoman Visits OCMC

Dallas City Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold, District 4, made an impromptu visit to the Oak Cliff Municipal Center and toured the Permit Service Center and Residential Review Team.

"I stopped by Building Inspection to meet with the new Chief Building Official and offer my support. I look forward to working with Mr. Espinoza as he tackles some of the issues the Development Services department is currently facing," said Councilwoman Arnold.

New Department Contact

It is our goal as public servants to provide excellent customer service and responsiveness to all of our customers. However, we recognize that some issues require escalation. Should you need to contact the Chief or Deputy Chief Building Official to help resolve an issue, you may now contact them directly buildingofficial@dallascityhall.com and receive a response within 24-48 hours.

AACPA Board Member Installation

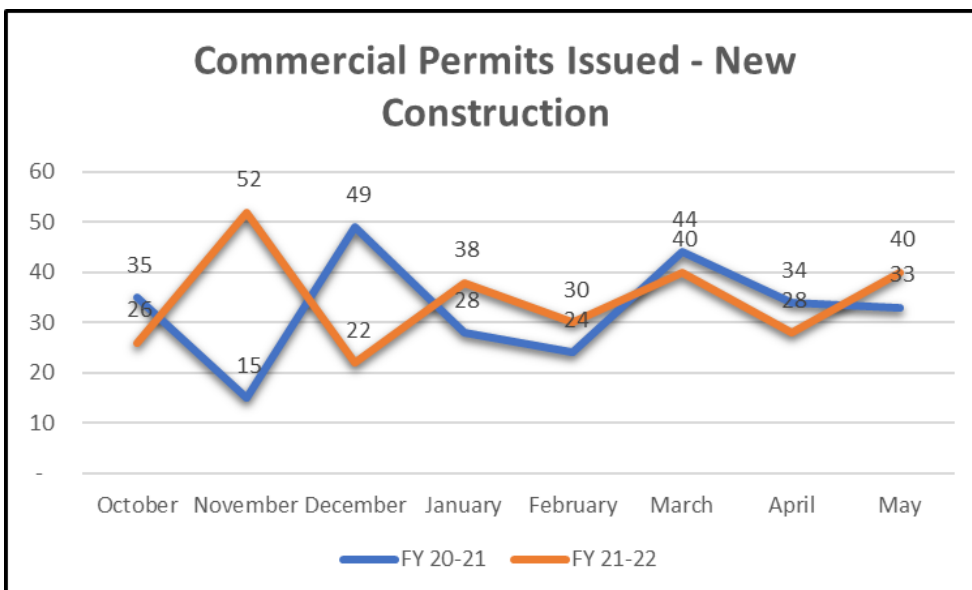
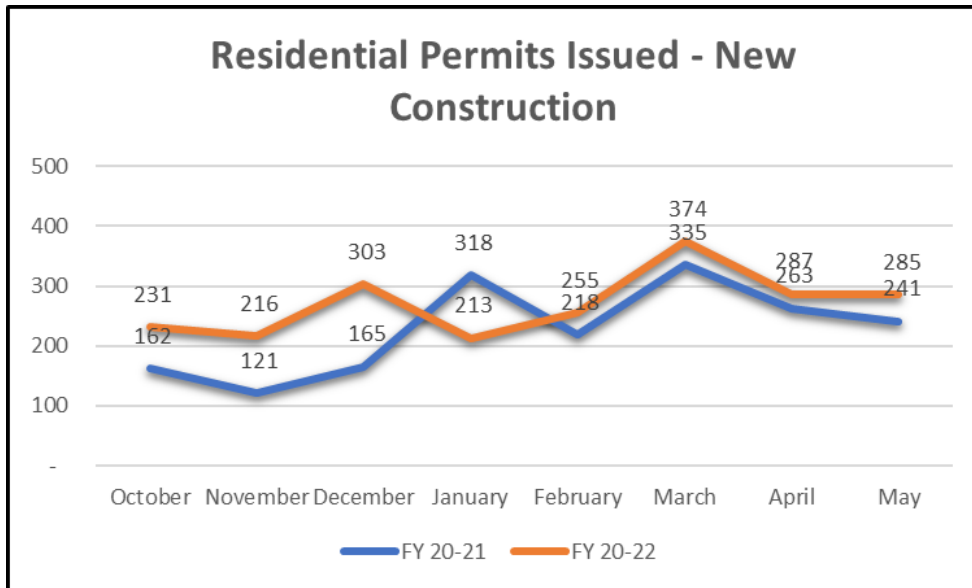
On Thursday, May 26, 2022, the Asian American Contractors and Professionals Association installed their newest Board Members. Several City of Dallas employees were in attendance, including new



Development Services Director, Andrew Espinoza, and Genesis Gavino, Chief of Staff. Many thanks to AACPA President, Ken Tse, for the invitation to this culturally-rich event.

Permitting Trends

The charts below illustrate a comparison of Residential and Commercial permitting activity, year-to-date, for FY 21-22 and FY 22-23.



Fiscal Year	YTD Residential New Construction Permits Total	YTD Commercial Permits Total
2020 - 2021	1823	262
2021 - 2022	2164	276

New Zoning Website

The GIS division of Development Services has debuted a new, public zoning map website. The new website has an updated design and helpful how-to videos. The zoning map can be accessed by clicking this link: <https://gis.dallascityhall.com/zoningweb/>.

New Hires

Five new staff members joined the Development Services department in May 2022. Their contributions to the department will be valued and appreciated.

- Alireza Safari, Senior Plans Examiner
- Kameka Miller-Hoskins, Senior Plans Examiner
- Mark Samuel Soliva, Arborist
- Onyekachi Udeka, Sanitarian
- Fred Walters, Inspector III - Plumbing

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