Building Safety

TOWN OF WINDSOR
First in Connecticut. First for its citizens.

Budget: $578,410

Wayne McKinney, Building Official & Zoning Enforcement
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Robert Ruzzo, Asst. Building Official
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Lauri Volkert, Fire Inspector
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WHAT WE DO

Preventing Fire, Structural, and Storm Losses

- Conduct more than 5,000 inspections of new and existing buildings to assure compliance with Fire, Building and related safety codes
- Administer the permit process including plan review, issuance of permits and maintenance of records for greater than 1,800 permit applications
- Provide reference, research and consultation services on code issues to design professionals, their clients, and building owners and occupants
- Present 60 public education programs to the community related to fire safety and code compliance
- Present public education programs related to Building Code Safety for residential usage
- Provide support and technical assistance to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Code Board of Appeals and the Local Emergency Planning Commission
- Maintain and update hazardous materials information on industrial and commercial facilities in support of emergency services and aid public access to the information

After Emergency Assistance

- Investigate fires, alarms and building failures to determine the cause, origin circumstances and responsibility
- Coordinate with owners, tenants and other agencies in the rehabilitation and restoration of fire, storm damaged and abandoned structures.
- Provide technical assistance to the Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Further develop relationships and protocols with other local governments and with state and federal authorities to ensure the availability of advanced investigative, laboratory and on-scene forensic services at no cost to the town

415 Day Hill, formerly American Airlines is converting to business offices for Oak Leaf Waste Management

Hayden Station Firehouse and New England Veterinary Center & Cancer Care projects are nearing completion!

	Construction Value	Permit Revenue
FY 2005	$ 69,732,299	$896,332
FY 2006	$ 76,327,600	$903,856
FY 2007	$ 270,879,957	$2,504,815
FY 2008	$140,209,355	$1,226,854
FY 2009	$75,616,000	$697,000
FY 2010	$76,261,500	$944,500*

*final costs/fees on previous projects help increase income

Got questions? We've got answers!

- When do you need a Building Permit?
- How much does a Permit cost?
- I want to build a fence, where can I place the fence and how tall can the fence be?
- I want to put a storage shed on my property, do I need a permit?
- What is required for a Pool Permit?
- I bought a portable pool at my local toy store, why do I need a permit?
- What information is needed for a new or replacement deck permit?
- Do I need a permit to replace windows in my home?
- I want to install a wood or pellet stove. What is required?
- Where should I put my Smoke Detectors?
- Do I need a licensed contractor to perform services on my property?

- Why should I use a licensed contractor?
- I am having my project done by a licensed contractor, should I rely on my contractor to get the permits?
- What Permits are required for remodeling my house?
- I want to convert my basement into a spare room. What do I need?
- I have an Underground Storage Tank I no longer use. What do I need to do?
- I have questions about…
  - Accessible Ramps
  - Basement Conversion Guide
  - Decks
  - Fences
  - Pools
  - Sheds
  - Smoke Detectors
  - Solid Fuel Stoves

For Information and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, check out our website!
townofwindsorct.com/building or call 286-1960