

Department of Community Development

History

One of the newest departments in the County, the Department of Community Development was established on April 1, 2001 with the opening of the Permit Center – West. The Permit Center – East, which is located at the Eastern Government Center, opened in 1998. Fred Overmann, formerly Community Development Supervisor at the Permit Center - East, was named Director of Community Development in 1988.

The Permit Center serves as a “one stop shop” for providing a variety of development and information services to the public. Representatives from the departments of Planning, Public Works, Public Utilities, and Building Inspection are all available in the same office to answer questions, provide guidance, review and approve permits, and assist the general public and building community in the successful completion of their projects. This innovative approach was devised to streamline the building permit and review process for the average home-owner, consolidate expertise in several service areas into on convenient location, and serve as a model for efficient customer service.

Upon Fred Overmann’s retirement in 2007, Lee Tyson was named Director of the Department. He was formerly with the Comprehensive Planning Section of the Planning Office.