

MONTHLY PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORT

MAY 2013

Summary and comparison of land use permitting activity for the month of May.

May Permit Comparison 2012-2013			
Type	2012	2013	Percent Difference
Building Code Enforcement	6	6	0%
Boundary Line Adjustment	5	1	-80%
Residential Building	106	89	-16%
Burn Permit	7	2	-71%
Commercial Building	6	14	133%
Development Regulation	9	7	-22%
Disaster	7	1	-86%
Parcel Combination	1	2	100%
Planning Enforcement	16	13	-19%
Fire Protection System	2	8	300%
Forest Practice Application	1	0	-100%
Geotechnical Report	8	3	-63%
Grading Permit	3	1	-67%
Mason Environmental Permit	5	5	0%
Hearing Examiner			
Pre-Application Conference	4	0	-100%
SEPA Revenue	8	8	0%
Shoreline Permit	1	1	0%
Shoreline Exemption	10	6	-40%
Site Pre-Inspection	3	6	100%
Short Plat	2	0	-100%
	210	173	-18%

The table to the left is a compilation of permits received in May 2013 as compared to that of May 2012.



Enforcement: Building cases show no change, while planning is down by 19%. This doesn't necessarily mean that violations are decreasing; it may also reflect an inability of staff to conduct enforcement activities.



Construction: Residential building is down 16% from this time last year. However, the first quarter of this year realized a 12% increase over last year. Overall, residential building is still up 12% from 2012. Commercial permits have more than doubled since last year. Having a 16% downturn in the first quarter, commercial projects are now breaking even with 0% change to date.



Land Use: In general, these types of permits continue to show little or no increase, with the exception of Site Pre-Inspection which have doubled. This is the first step of the process and could indicate an increase in permits to follow.



Visitor activity in the Permit Assistance Center continues to rise. Compared to May of 2012, levels have increased by 32%. Overall, interest in development activity in Mason

County has increased by nearly 50% on average for this year over last.

Monthly sign-ins for 2012 and 2013.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	139	204	215	237	275	213	262	335	243	250	190	142
2013	264	262	311	352	364							