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Waukeee Tops Fiscal Year Building Permit Record Again

Waukeee, Iowa—The City of Waukeee continues to top its own fiscal year building permit records. The City of Waukeee's Community Development Department issued a record 1,719 building permits from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total taxable valuation equaled \$312.8 million, up by nearly \$100 million from Fiscal Year 2020 (1,531 permits were issued for \$214.8 taxable valuation in 2020).

Of the 1,719 permits issued, 593 were for single-family housing, 252 were for townhomes, three were for multi-family developments and 20 were for commercial developments. The remaining permits fall into the "Other" category, including projects such as additions, decks, fences, etc.

In step with the housing boom in the U.S., the City of Waukeee saw its highest single-family housing growth in history in FY 2021. The 2021 single-family permit valuations totaled \$177 million, which accounts for more than double last year's total of \$73.3 million.

"That impressive single-family permit growth is a reflection of not only a nationwide trend, but also Waukeee's focus on high quality of life," said Waukeee Mayor Courtney Clarke. "The Waukeee Community School District is expanding, which is a catalyst for residential development in a top-performing school district. We are also seeing a lot of residential construction near both the future Triumph Park and Waukeee's Kettlestone Development, which are areas with new recreational and entertainment amenities in the works."

Commercial growth remained strong in Fiscal Year 2021 with a total valuation of \$36 million in new construction. Some recent projects of note include:

- Kettleview Development - Encompass Building/ViziPay
- Elite Eye Care

- Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh/Smokey Row Coffee
- Kindercare
- Hyper Energy Bar
- SafeSplash Swim School
- Shine Shop Carwash
- Kwik Star

Businesses which opened in Fiscal Year 2021 include: Kinship Brewing Company, Old Station Craft Meats, Buff City Soap, Kee Nutrition, Graham Collision Center, Firestone Complete Auto Care, VisionBank, Scornovacca's Ristorante Waukee and Paragon Performance.

In June 2021, developer Harry Coin announced that the groundbreaking for the 40-acre KeeTown Loop entertainment district is planned for fall 2021. This project, located in the Kettlestone Development, will have a live entertainment venue, two hotels, multi-family housing and more.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Waukee's estimated population is now 26,166, following 8.42 percent residential growth from 2019-2020.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. The current population is 26,166 residents. Waukee offers a welcoming atmosphere, featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit Waukee.org.