



Council Update Report

June 2018

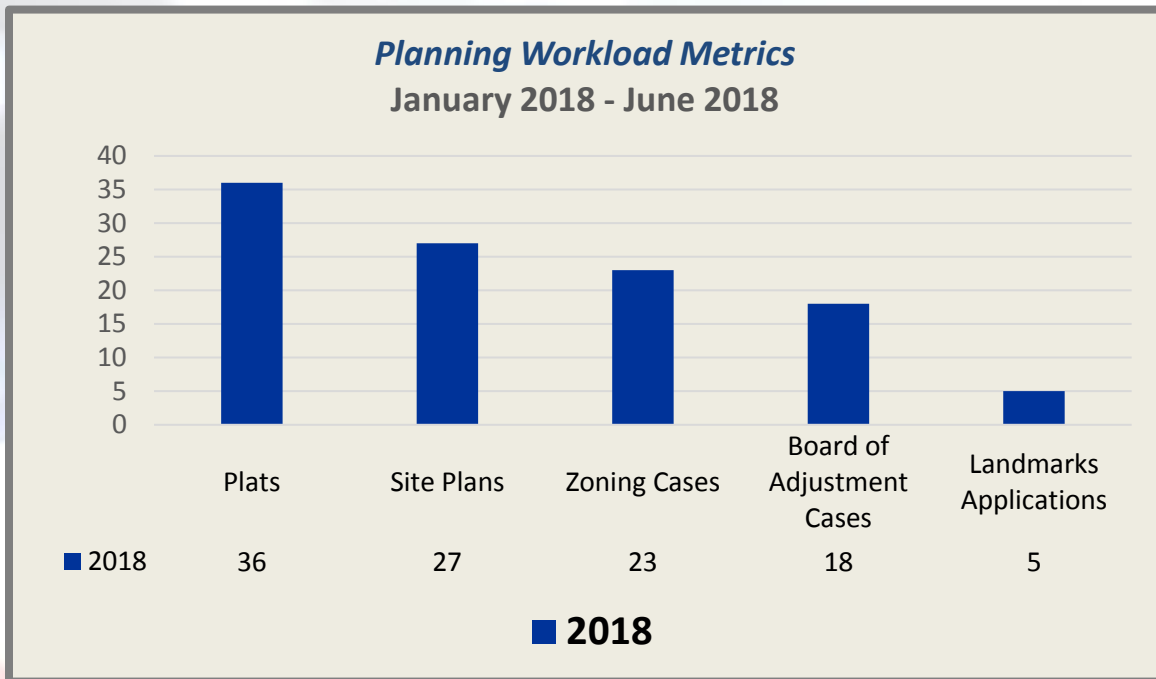


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Planning Services



★ The Planning and Zoning Department serves as an information resource and as the point for coordinating development functions for the public and other City departments. The Planning staff provides expertise and policy advice to citizens and staff alike and also works to create new standards for community enhancement. The Department serves a unique role in balancing the needs of the development industry with the interests of the public. It is housed with the Building Inspection Department in the Development Service Center in order to facilitate permit processing and questions from the public.

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Congratulations!
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Mr. Zack Rainbow was appointed the *Interim Assistant Director* for Planning and Development Services!!!

Ms. Merle Vandiver has been promoted to the *Plans Examiner Coordinator* position for Building Inspections!! Merle's supervisor states, "She has



become a valuable asset to the Building Inspections Division and continues to grow.”

Ms. Kathy Ellis, Code Compliance Division, received certification as Code Officer.



Building Inspections

*The Division issued 26 permits for new single family residences, 11 commercial permits, and 34 commercial alterations in June 2018. Year-to-date single family permits are at 254, Commercial at 99, and Commercial Alterations at 193.

*REMINDER: October is the beginning of a new budget year. Numbers reflected above are as of October 1, 2017 and not based upon a calendar year.

Significant Projects:

- Oldham Church of Christ Addition - \$2,500,000
- Starbucks/Shell - \$500,000
- Party City - \$575,000

Upcoming Projects: Submitted and in Review

- Cheddars - \$1,500,000
- Wylie Elementary (Phase 2) - \$7,500,000
- Wylie Junior High - \$22,000,000



The Building Inspections Department administers professionally-accepted standards and adopted regulations to safeguard life, safety, health, property, and public welfare of all construction-related activity within the City limits. We are responsible for the enforcement of the City's adopted building and construction codes and ordinances.



Code Compliance

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Code officers inspected 592 violations, including violations for junked vehicles 44; grass & weeds 325; unsightly conditions 104; and vehicles parked in yard 52. 104 bandit signs were removed.

Code officers were able to close 230 violations during June.

Condemnation/Rehabilitation

During June, 14 new complaints were investigated. 5 cases were completed. The Board of Building Standards (BOBS) reviewed 6 cases.



The mission of Code Compliance is to educate the public and gain citizen compliance on health, safety, and quality of life issues. The City of Abilene residents need and deserve to live in a safe and healthy environment. Code Compliance is responsible for enforcing city ordinances. The division is authorized to pursue criminal and civil remedies to abate nuisances for the purpose of maintaining a safe, sanitary, and clean city.