



City of Idaho Falls

2015 Building Division Annual Report

2015 Division Statistics

Permits Issued	2,498
Plan Reviews Performed	378
Inspections Performed	6,543
New Commercial Buildings	24
New Residential Buildings	146
Commercial Alt. & Additions	81
Residential Alt. & Additions	102

Year in Review

The surge of new construction within the city of Idaho Falls particularly in the housing market appeared more like a re-variant in 2015. Following the economic downturn of 2009, new additions to residential subdivisions were being built. This, along with a significant multi-housing project in the Snake River Landing development, a \$26,000,000 renovation to the LDS Temple and a number of mid-sized commercial building projects resulted in a construction

valuation for the city of Idaho Falls totaling **\$85,498,306**. This is a 37% increase over the construction valuation of **\$62,469,764** in 2014. Building division revenue for 2015 was **\$890,800**, a 33% increase over the revenue year 2014 of **\$668,290**.

Despite the large increases in construction valuation and revenue, the number of commercial building permits for 2015 were down 23%. However, single-family residential

permits rose 26% over 2014.

The total number of permits issued in 2015 was **2498** which was 3% higher than the 2426 issued in 2014.



New Addition to the Inspection Staff

Gabe Madrid joined the Building Division last April as our new Electrical Inspector. Gabe is from the Denver metro area and prior to coming to Idaho Falls he spent a number of years in Jackson, Wyoming working as an electrician. There he worked on both commercial and high end residential construction projects. Gabe has also worked as

an independent electrical contractor specializing in service and repair work. He was the fill-in electrical inspector for the Idaho Falls and Rexburg building departments for approximately 18 months before joining our staff full time.

Gabe holds a journeyman's electrical license in Montana and has Master Electricians' licenses in

both Idaho and Wyoming as well as possessing an International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) certification as a residential electrical inspector. He is also Certified by the *International Code Council* (ICC) as a mechanical inspector and will perform mechanical inspections in addition to his electrical inspection duties.

