



Waconia Wavelength

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2019 Land Use Summary & Development Report

The City of Waconia issues an annual report to provide City Officials and the general public insight into the permit, land use and physical growth of the City. The report summarizes the permitting and growth that occurred, compares the yearly progress against previous years, and discusses the existing condition of parcel inventory in the City Limits.

City staff presented the 2019 Land Use Summary & Development Report to the City Council on February 18th, 2020. In summary, the report indicates that building permit issuance overall slightly increased from 2018, with a total of 1,051 permits issued. Residential new home construction dipped due to lack of lot inventory, resulting in 21 new single-family home permits issued in 2019. Although the single-family home permits were far fewer than the City has seen in the past few years, the total living unit count added to the City was 72 as the City permitted the construction of a 51-unit apartment building. With over 100 single-family residential parcels platted in the last few months, the residential new home construction should see a significant increase in 2020. The commercial building permit activity was similar to what we saw in 2018 and included projects such as Twin Cities Orthopedics, the new Koch Bus Garage, and Southpoint Federal Credit Union to name a few.



A copy of the report can be found on the City of Waconia's website or by contacting Lane Braaten, Community Development Director at lbraaten@waconia.org or (952) 442-3106.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires municipalities in the Twin Cities area to provide the Metropolitan Council with an updated Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The Comprehensive Plan must be consistent with the Metropolitan Council's regional development guide that sets the direction for the region's growth and development. During the planning process for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the City of Waconia

solicited public feedback by holding several open houses and work sessions. A virtual open house provided an additional resource for residents to provide feedback.

On February 3, 2020, the City of Waconia formally adopted and approved the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This replaces the 2030 plan the City was previously working under. For those who are interested in seeing the entire plan, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org.

Facility Rentals

Did you know the City of Waconia offers numerous facilities and meeting rooms for community use? Facilities and rooms available include City Hall meeting rooms, ball fields, recreation spaces, and tennis courts. See the charts below for more information on what is available for rental. If you're interested in more details please visit the **Facility Use, Rental, and Applications page of our website**. From here, you can view pictures of available rentals as well as fill out a rental application.

Park Facility Rental Information		
Park	Rental	Cost
Brook Peterson	Fields 1-4 (lights)	\$20/hour per field
	Fields 5-8	\$15/hour per field
	Outdoor Rink	\$15/hour
City Square	Gazebo	\$25/hour
	Pavilion	\$15/hour
Cedar Point	Tennis Courts	\$10/hour

City Hall Rental Information		
Room	Capacity	Cost
Senior Center Space	Seating for 50	\$40/hour
Council Chambers	< 65	\$30/hour
Maple Conference Room	< 35	\$20/hour
Oak Conference Room	< 15	\$20/hour

Employment Opportunity

Looking for a summer job? The City of Waconia is currently hiring Seasonal Maintenance Workers.



The Seasonal Maintenance Worker is a part-time position that assists the Waconia Public Services team with the upkeep and maintenance of the City's streets, street signs, alleys, storm sewers, and parks.

The typical schedule for Seasonal Maintenance Workers is 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Positions typically start as early as May (we work with the individuals hired to establish various start dates) and employees typically work until mid-August (flexible). For a detailed job description, application, and details on how to apply visit the employment section of the City's website at www.waconia.org.

2020 Yard Waste/Compost Schedule

Compost and yard waste drop off for City of Waconia residents resumes in April of 2020!

Residents can bring grass clippings, garden waste, shrubs and branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services at 310 East 10th Street.



Thursday, April 16

3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. A copy of the full schedule is available at www.waconia.org/compost. Contact Public Services at 952-442-2615 if you have any questions.

Please note, compost collection runs April through November of each year, with two to four dates per month.

Presidential Nomination Primary

The Presidential Nomination Primary will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. Ward I residents vote at the Waconia Ice Arena (1250 Oak Avenue) and Ward II residents vote at Trinity (601 E. 2nd Street). Visit www.waconia.org/elections for more details on the Presidential Nomination Primary, the August State Primary, and the November General Election.