

Report of the Building Department & Code Enforcement

March 2020 was the official beginning of COVID-19 safeguards and all the precautionary measures needed to control this horrible virus. This is the same month I became the new Building Inspector for the Town of Fremont. As if learning and understanding the way Fremont enforces the building and land use codes were challenging enough now let's introduce some precautionary measures that make building code enforcement just a bit more confusing.

As the months passed and COVID-19 restrictions became more stringent, more creative means were necessary to inspect buildings and renovation projects. Often times pictures of building sites were accepted as a means to show that all construction methods are code compliant. On occasion inspection of home renovations would occur when the building was vacant thus alleviating any chance of transmitting this terrible virus.

Happy to say we have made it through 2020 without harm or foul. The year 2020 ends with an increase in revenue of approximately 10% more than the previous year, 2019. The total money received for building permits for the year 2019 was \$40,614.20. The total money received for building permits for the year 2020 is \$44,476.44 an increase in revenue of \$3,862.26.



The current year 2021 is off to a brisk start. Three new construction house permits have been issued the second week of January. I believe that this year will be every bit as busy as 2020. I also believe that the end of this horrible plague is within sight this year.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to work for and protect the interest of the people of Fremont. Often, I will convey to homeowners that my interests and responsibilities are to you. I assure you I take the position of trust very seriously.

My normal hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm, including office and inspection time. You can also schedule an appointment. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions at 895 3200 x 309 or buildinginspector@fremont.nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Photo of new construction on Currier Lane, located off of South Road.
Photo courtesy of Chris Cloutier

These charts depict a comparison of activity and total permitting and revenue from 2019 to 2020:

**Key permits for
2019**

Total 260

Garage	7	Pools	5
Decks/Porch	10	Additions	11
Sheds	6	Renovations	18
Other	35	Flood Related	0
Trade Permits	158	Fire Related	0
Single Family Home	9	Barn	0
Duplex	0	Farm Stand	0
Quadplex	0		
Commercial	1		

**Grand
Total:** \$40,614.20

**Key
permits
for 2020**

Total 291

Garage	3	Pools	7
Decks/Porch	9	Additions	9
Sheds	6	Renovations	30
Other	0	Flood Related	0
Trade Permits	207	Fire Related	0
Single Family Home	15	Barn	1
Duplex	0	Farm Stand	0
Quadplex	0		
Commercial	4		

**Grand
Total:** \$44,476.46