

## Building values hit nearly \$3.8 million

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The year 2013 included considerable building activity in Gothenburg, but the overall value of building permits was down for the second consecutive year.

Estimates on project costs in building permits dropped to \$3,799,357 for 2013. That's down approximately \$1.4 million from 2012.

While figures are down compared to 2012, the coming year already has some activity.

"We've got some things in the works," city clerk Connie Dalrymple said referring to the announced building projects by two churches as well as additional housing plans. "It's a good start to the new year."

The downtown business scene received some changes with three businesses remodeling existing structures. Two new downtown businesses filing building permits included Hecox Family Dentistry and Charm Boutique. Rickertsen Technologies, Inc., moved into an older downtown building and completely remodeled the main floor.

Storage units added by Kim Slack were another business addition.

The total value of new business permits was \$345,000.

Building permits for four new single family homes were filed.

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The new homes didn't make up for the six homes that were demolished during the year, though. In fact, 36 homes have been torn down in Gothenburg since 2000.

Two of the new homes are for private individuals. Two others are by contractors as part of the new Redevelopment Authority's Spec House Development Program. Additional housing starts utilizing this program are expected in 2014.

Permits on the new homes carried a total projected value of \$775,000.

Permits for business alterations and remodeling dominated the year's figure. Ten projects had a total value of \$1,394,500:

All Points Cooperative installed a new scale to help relieve congestion during harvest season.

VALUE OF CITY BUILDING PERMITS			
Year	Total	1997	1998
2012	\$3,799,297	1996	\$4,660,676
2012	\$2,139,947	1995	\$16,698,136
2011	\$11,874,000	1994	\$4,271,767
2010	\$2,859,460	1993	\$4,716,710
2009	\$8,468,930	1992	\$1,375,920
2008	\$9,258,064	1991	\$486,540
2007	\$8,501,905	1990	\$1,905,622
2006	\$2,977,765	1989	\$522,202
2005	\$1,429,533	1988	\$281,230
2004	\$2,214,260	1987	\$283,275
2003	\$1,484,602	1986	\$263,084
2002	\$17,267,432	1985	\$713,968
2001	\$1,137,997	1984	\$722,045
2000	\$1,401,533	1983	\$1,321,251
1999	\$3,946,121	1982	\$699,909
1998	\$5,913,821	1981	

(Source: Gothenburg City Hall)

Donna Cahill moved her State Farm Insurance office to the former Gothenburg Floral building on Ninth Street

Hilltop Estates installed a new patio canopy

Andrew and Haley Cowan are remodeling the old Jorgensen State Farm Insurance building on 10th Street

Rickertsen Technologies Inc. (RTI) moved to the newly remodeled building just north of Sander Furniture

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Dawson Tire & Wheel constructed a new tire storage building on property at their location on Cottonwood Drive

Additional storage units were constructed at South Bay Laundromat

Remodeling was completed at Gothenburg Discount Pharmacy

Pony Express Chevrolet filed a building permit for renovations.

Alterations and additions on five residences carried a total value of \$27,400.

Miscellaneous projects included concrete work done at various residences, construction of a cell tower and the addition of an office trailer at Pony Express Chevrolet.

Homeowners kept busy with outdoor residential improvements including 14 patios, decks or carports, 26 fencing projects and 17 sprinkler systems.

Building activity in Gothenburg has been brisk since 1990 with an annual average of \$5.5 million in construction. The major exception was 1991 when the value of permits fell just under \$500,000.