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## LAND SERVICES EXPERIENCES LARGE INCREASE IN LAND USE PERMITS

Just over 1,100 land use permits were issued by Crow Wing County in 2020, according to a year-end report compiled by the County Land Services Department. Permit numbers grew by 25% compared to 2019, with 890 permits issued in 2019, versus 843 in 2018. “The amount of building activity going on throughout the County is tremendous. Applications to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment remain very busy as well with an increase of 11% in 2020, with 104 applications compared to 94 in 2019. The largest increase was seen in 2019. A 54% increase in applications, going from 61 applications in 2018 to 94 in 2019” said Environmental Services Supervisor Jacob Frie. “

Crow Wing County has a policy of acting on all land use permits within ten business days, which includes a site visit to the property to review the permit application with property owners. According to the Land Services Department 53% of the permits in 2020 were processed within 2 days, and 86% were issued within 7 days. “We understand our customers want their permits to be approved in a timely manner, so we’re very proud of our efficient turnaround time,” Land Services Director Gary Griffin stated. “Under the County Board’s leadership, we continue to deliver top-notch service to our customers. This is highlighted with our customer surveys on staff performance that we received in 2020. We received a 98% positive rating out of 156 surveys received for permitting staff. That speaks volumes about the quality staff and their commitment to providing excellent customer service.”

Crow Wing County has an online permitting system that allows applicants to apply, pay, and print out permits online. The website address is <https://enviropemits.crowwing.us/>. Users are required to create an account in order to access the site. Once a username and password are created, applicants can login at any time to view the status of their permit or see old permits. Applicants are then notified via email during each step of the application process.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Department at (218) 824-1010 or [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) to discuss land use questions.

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