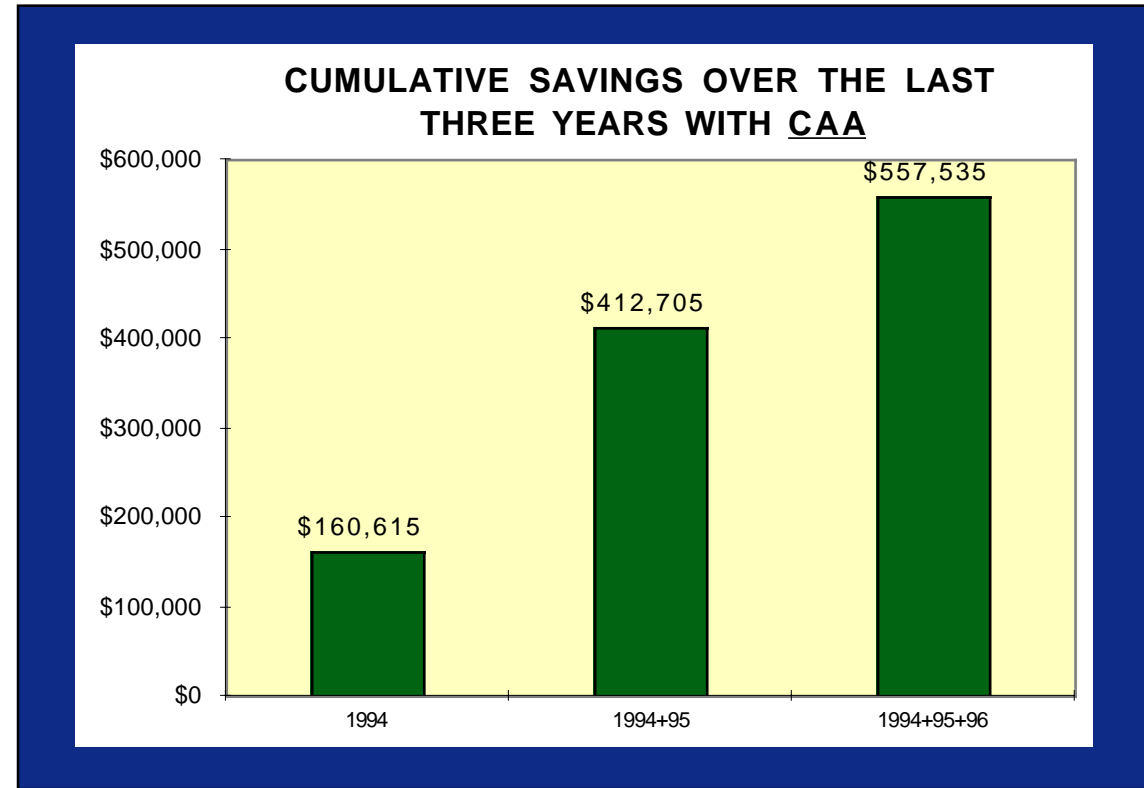


Even with an increase in service over the last three years, overall cost has declined. Billing is less than 75% of the previous provider. This constitutes a savings of over **\$550,000**.

CITY OF CAMARILLO

1996-97 Building and Safety Annual Report



The Building Department at the City of Camarillo has a highly qualified inspection and plan check staff with over 16 individual certifications from I.C.B.O., along with a back up of inspectors and building officials. An ongoing training program exists for all inspectors and permit technicians, which exceeds mandated Assembly Bill 717.

The Building Department continues to provide excellent service with quick turnaround times on plan check. Most permits are issued over the counter, and a computer permit issuance system has been installed.

All of this is provided at a 25% lower cost than the previous provider. From July 1st, 1994 to June 30th, 1997, the current Building and Safety Department has saved the City of Camarillo over **\$550,000**.

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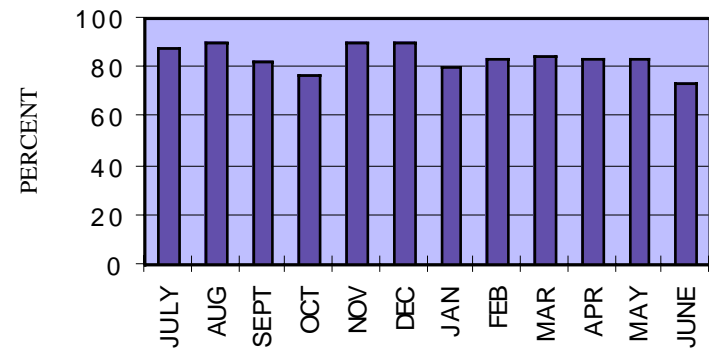
The Department of Building and Safety is proud to present its Annual Report for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year. This report will document the amount of activity and performance of this department throughout the past year. It will also show that the Department of Building and Safety continues to provide excellent service to the City of Camarillo.

Building and Safety is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the uniform building codes, and for related Federal, State, and City adopted laws and ordinances. This responsibility includes meeting State Mandates to assure all structures meet or exceed the minimum life safety standards of the building codes, laws, and ordinances.



The Department of Building and Safety continually strives to make changes to improve upon itself. To that end, a computerized permit issuance system has greatly increased efficiency. The computer system used is CAA's Automated Permit System. Through a computer, the staff can track plan checks, permits, code enforcement violations, and accessibility hardships. The system can be modified as needed to meet the needs of the City.

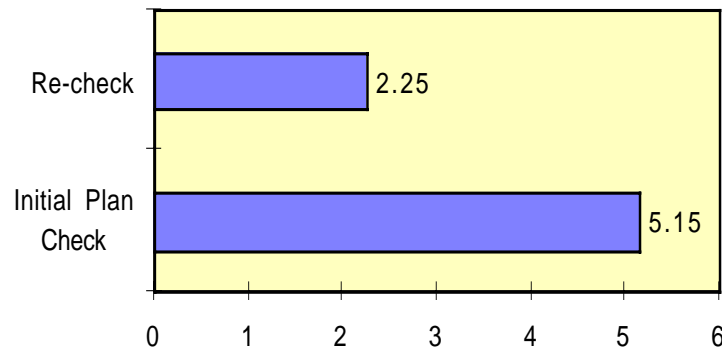
PERMITS ISSUED OVER COUNTER



The plan check process continues to be efficient and thorough. Over **80%** of permits are issued over the counter. This shows that most permits can be issued in a one-step manner.

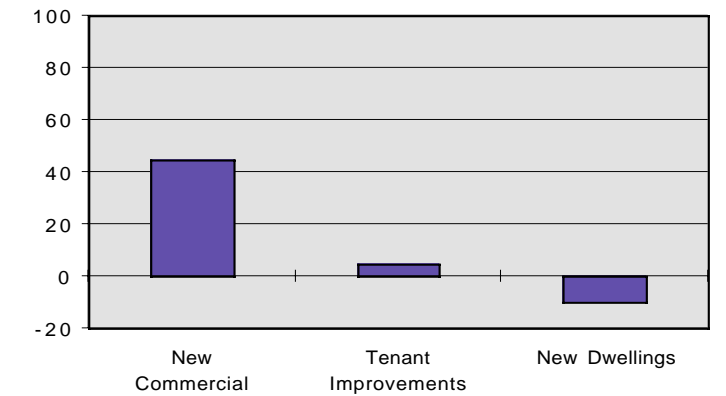
For a project that requires plans to be submitted for review, minimal turnaround times are assured. The average turnaround time for a first submittal is 5.15 working days, while subsequent reviews average only 2.25 working days.

PLAN CHECK TURN-AROUND

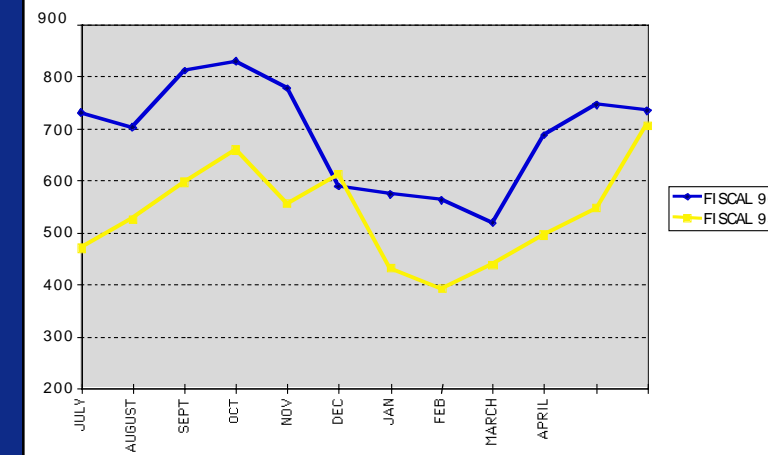


On the whole, building activity has made a marked increase this year. New commercial construction made the largest jump, with approximately 50% more permits issued this year. Tenant improvements were also up from the previous year. New residential dwellings dropped slightly from last year, but still saw over 300 permits issued for construction.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN ACTIVITY



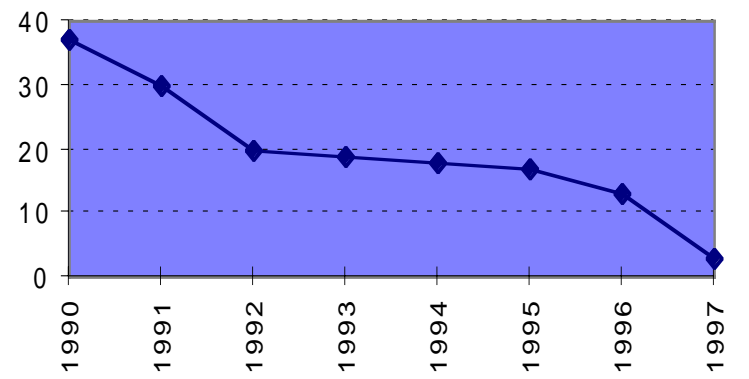
INSPECTIONS



In 1989, the County of Ventura decided that, based upon their URM ordinance, **thirty-seven** buildings within the City of Camarillo were potentially hazardous.

At the beginning of this fiscal year (June 1996) that number had been reduced to seventeen. The department again notified each owner of the status of their building. As of the end of this year, the number of potentially hazardous buildings stands at only **two**.

NUMBER OF POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS



With this increase in construction activity, more inspections are required. The inspections only drop during the rainy months when construction is slowed by the weather.

As the workload rises and falls, the number of inspectors on staff is modified to maintain quality and timely inspections while keeping costs down.