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**COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN ABILENE**

**Permits up this year**

Value of work done locally also increases

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Local commercial construction appears to be on the rise through the first six months of the year, with more permits issued for a higher construction valuation than in the same time period last year. The totals include a costly

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An attorney's office is being constructed on Curry Lane next to Senter, Realtors.

ABILENE MIDYEAR BUILDING PERMIT TOTALS					
January-June	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of permits	47	28	43	36	42
Construction valuation, in millions	\$19	\$22.8	\$14.6	\$14.4	\$16.6

Source: City of Abilene

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**FROM THE COVER**

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Business-related construction permits issued by Abilene authorities in the past three months have totaled more than \$12.2 million. The work is valued about \$730,000 more than in the same time period last year, though the number of business-related permits — 24 — has not risen compared with last year.

Permits issued within the past three months for projects valued more than \$1 million:

- A new hangar for use by Agile Aviation Services is being built with public funds. The development Corp. of Abilene, Rich, allocates the city's half-use sales tax for economic development projects with over the building that will be used for possible expansion by the airplane maintenance company. The value assigned to the permit is \$4.5 million, though DCA officials say the total cost of the project is expected to be higher.
- A Stripes convenience store being built at 2777 Industrial Blvd. near South Danville Drive. The permit's value is \$1.5 million.

Smaller projects with construction permits issued in the past three months include:

- A second Pizza Inn is being built at 4385 Ridgmont Drive, near Lowe's Home Improvement. The restaurant could be open by late August.
- A new office is being built for Stovall Realtors at 382 S. 27th St., said Danny Robin, an estimator and project manager for Raydon Inc., the company doing the construction.

■ The shopping center adjacent to Walmart on Highway 251 soon will house a second Jax and Deli location. The restaurant is set to open Tuesday.

■ In the same shopping center near Walmart, work is being done for a new Kool Smiles dental office, which will be Abilene's second Kool Smiles clinic. The opening date is July 25 and the clinic will be open Saturdays.

■ At 10th Walnut St., Burr Roofing is expanding its offices by about 1,000 square feet, said Jim Burr, company president. "We're still operating with the same facility we've had since 1972," Burr said.

■ Windmill Animal Hospital is being built at Windmill Circle and South Clark Streets, north of Abilene Regional Medical Center. The full-service veterinary facility may open in September.

■ At 420 Southwest Drive, The Plaza at Park Central, interior demolition is being done in one suite in preparation for another occupant. The building permits list "Open Diagnostic" as the owner, but officials with the chain of medical testing sites could not confirm Thursday plans to open an Abilene location.

■ In the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator on Pecos Street, public funds are being used to make building alterations for smart Envail, which has announced plans to begin drug manufacturing operations in Abilene.

■ At two United Supermarkets locations — on North Judge Ely Boulevard and North Willis Street — extensive renovations have been done, with some work done at all four United stores, said Eddie Owens, a United spokesman.

■ City funds are being used for a new water pump station at Kirby Lake.

■ Work is being done in the former Toys 'R Us building at 3850 Ridgmont Drive to convert a portion of the structure to a veterans clinic.

■ At 549 Galusha Drive, a new control station is being built by Electric Transmission Texas, a joint venture between AEP and MidAmerican Energy Holdings. The station, in part of a larger project considered an upgrade to transmission lines from Abilene to Putnam.