

Building Down In Santa Cruz During 1961

Valuation of building permits issued by the city of Santa Cruz during 1961 was about \$1.5 million below comparable 1960 and 1959 figures, according to William Nunes, building supervisor.

Valuation of 1185 permits issued last year was \$5,404,417. The 1211 permits in 1960 had total valuation of \$6,954,668, the 1185 permits in 1959, \$6,888,500.

Only the "remodel and repair residential" and the "sign" categories showed gains over the past two years. New residential construction continued to backslide, both in permits and valuation.

Comparisons by category for the past three years:

New residential — 237 permits for \$3,478,013 in 1961; 242 for \$3,630,576 in 1960; 307 for \$4,339,424 in 1959.

Remodel and repair residential — 230 for \$300,359; 217 for \$254,887; and 225 for \$260,684.

New non-residential — 373 for \$1,308,725; 442 for \$2,584,889; 352 for \$1,880,210.

Remodel and repair non-residential — 139 for \$269,847; 151 for \$443,608; 131 for \$350,583.

Signs — 97 for \$42,743; 77 for \$31,859; and 77 for \$34,089.

Demolitions — 109 for \$4730 (policy on charging valuation was changed in 1961); 82 for \$8849; 93 for \$23,510.