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## Code Enforcement Issues Building Permits for Two Major Redevelopment Projects

**BIDDEFORD (January 15, 2020)** — The City of Biddeford’s Code Enforcement Department has issued building permits for two major redevelopment projects this month.

On January 13, building permits for the first phase of construction on the Lincoln Mill were issued to LHL Holdings, LLC. The permit was issued for 148 new residential units, and the City received \$244,010 in permit fees for the project.

In addition to the residential units, LHL Holdings, LLC will seek permits for future phases of *The Lincoln* project that will feature a boutique hotel, fitness center, and restaurant, as well as 7,000 square feet of rentable commercial space. The first phase of the project with the apartments is expected to open in 2020, with the hotel and restaurant set to open in Spring of 2021.

Earlier this month, Code Enforcement also issued a building permit to Draft Room, LLC for the first phase of renovations to the Riverdam Mill. This first phase of construction includes 25 residential units and two commercial units in Building 4, located at 24 Pearl Street. In total, Building 4 will receive \$3.1 million in investment, and the permit fee totaled \$44,485.

The expected second phase of the Riverdam Mill project will be an additional \$6.3 million in investment to Building 3, located at 28 Pearl Street. Permits have not been issued for this phase of the project. Upon completion, the Riverdam Mill will include a total of 70 units of housing and 13,300 square feet of commercial space.

“I am pleased to see both of these major projects moving forward,” said Mayor Alan Casavant. “The renovations of these historically significant buildings are an important milestone in the revitalization of Biddeford’s downtown.”

In the ten-year period between January 2009 and December 2019, the City of Biddeford issued building permits for the creation of 675 additional dwelling units valued at a total of \$106 million.

“Just two weeks into 2020, we’ve issued permits for an additional 173 new residential units,” Roby Fecteau, Biddeford’s Director of Code Enforcement, said. “With the 250 additional units planned for Barra Road and the remaining 45 units planned for the Riverdam Mill, that’s a total of 468 new units from just these three projects. This is shaping up to be a big year for residential growth in Biddeford.”

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