



# Researching Water Permits



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### LOCATION

Landmarks Commission  
of Kansas City, MO  
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26th floor City Hall  
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### TIME

City Hall is open from  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.

Please call the Landmarks Office  
at (816) 513-2902 to make an  
appointment to research your  
building permit.

### Where are the Water Permits?

Original Water Permits are located at the Water Services Building at, 4800 E. 63rd Street.

You may call Customer Service at 513-0285 and ask for Aaron Eaton or another Customer Service Specialist to request a copy of the permit or set up an appointment to view the permits.

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Below is a typical permit you may see for a residential property. The water permits are organized by water line registration number, not address. The customer service representatives can look up the registration number if you know the property address.

FEB 7 1013 <i>P.C. Box</i>	
Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with the rules of the Department, the water may not be turned on.	
<b>SERVICE PERMIT.</b> No 49695 OFFICE OF WATER DEPARTMENT.	
M. <i>C.H. Lane</i> Kansas City, Mo., <i>Oct 15</i> 191 <i>2</i> is authorized to have service pipes connected with the mains, to supply premises situated on <i>514 East 30 St.</i> Street, between _____ and _____ Streets with water.	
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT.</b> For <i>J.H. G. Gage</i>	
<b>PLUMBER'S REPORT.</b> Kansas City, Mo., <i>115</i> , 191 <i>2</i>	
The following SIZES have been attached, as authorized in the above report:	
<i>1/2</i> in. <i>Galv</i> in Main Pipe. <i>2"</i> Gal <i>20</i> ft. of <i>3/4</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe to Stop Box One Stop Box and Cock to Curb Line <i>45</i> ft. of <i>3/4</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe from Curb Stop to <i>9/8</i> Stop and Waste Cock at <i>Basement</i> <i>1/2</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe to <i>Basement</i> <i>1/2</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe to <i>Basement</i> <i>1/2</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe to <i>Basement</i> <i>1/2</i> in. <i>Galv</i> pipe to <i>Basement</i>	<i>1 - Closet</i> <i>1 - Bath</i> <i>1 - Kitchen</i> <i>1 - 3/4 gal. Water</i> <i>1 - 3/4 gal. Water</i> <i>1 - 3/4 gal. Water</i> <i>1 - 3/4 gal. Water</i>
and the water left <b>OFF</b> ; all work done as required by the rules of the Department, reference being made to the accompanying Diagram.	
I have inspected the above described job of plumbing, and find it as reported by the plumber, and have left the water <i>off Vacant</i>	
Kansas City, Mo., <i>1-21-</i> 191 <i>2</i> . <i>W.H. Cornish</i> Inspector.	
ITEMS FOR RATE <i>Basement</i> No. of rooms <i>5</i> Feet front, <i>50'</i> Cows, <i>10</i> Horses, <i>10</i> Horse Power, <i>10</i> Remarks, <i>see above</i>	DRAUGHTSMAN'S NOTES  OFFICE NOTES

### What Information is on a Water Permit?

The date of connection of the waterline may be a good indicator of the building's construction date, but not always. Kansas City water lines were installed in neighborhoods over time, so a building may have been on well water before it was hooked up to city water. Verify the water permit date with other information, like building permits, atlases and city directories to make sure its correct.

Many times the owner listed on the permit may be the occupant of the building, or possibly a builder or developer. In the sample permit above, the permit owner was the builder of the house. Look in a city directory located at the public library to check the occupant of the building at the time of the permit issuance to verify if they were the owner or builder.