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My son is a framer for a large builder in the Northland. He believes that the compromise under consideration is appropriate. However, it only addresses what is expected of builders to meet the new codes. It will not ease the problem unless:

1. Staff in the codes department get additional help to deal with the backlog of applications.
2. Staff in the codes department feel some urgency to make the review process more efficient. Apparently there have been situations where a mistake was found in one of the new forms, which is understandable since they are new to staff and builders. Without looking at the rest of the application, that application was returned for correction. When resubmitted, another mistake was found on a subsequent page and the process was repeated.
3. The mayor's office admits that there is a problem, which he has denied when talking with builder representatives.

Perhaps an investigation by the Kansas City Star would shed some more light on this whole situation.

Until this problem is resolved at both the codes and staff levels, Kansas City will soon see a real economic impact on employment, housing stock and resident population. Builders are already increasing their building outside of the city which may not be apparent to Kansas City staff.

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