

Forty-seven Portland home-addition permits were issued in seven days

Portland's public map of residential addition and alteration permits shows 47 issued from September 27 through October 3, 2026. A Sunday reading of that layer — and of the new-home layer beside it — without treating one pin as the whole story.

Sunday is a good time to look at what the city already wrote down. Not a rumor. The permit file.

Portland Maps publishes a layer named Residential Addition or Alteration Permit. For issued dates from September 27, 2026, through October 3, 2026, that layer returned 47 permits. In the same seven days, 53 permits on that layer had a create date. Widen the window to September 4 through October 3 and the issued count on that same layer is 234.

Those rows are home additions and alterations. They are not every folder the city opens.

Read each layer on its own

A second layer, Residential Construction Permit, is the new-home file. It returned 6 issued and 16 created in that same seven-day window. From September 4 through October 3 it returned 87 issued. The residential demolition layer returned 7 issued in the seven days and 22 issued in the thirty days. The commercial construction layer returned no issued permits in the seven days and 2 issued in the thirty days.

Do not add them into one “everything being built” number. The map keeps these as separate files, and one commercial layer is too thin to treat as a full commercial census.

What the date is actually saying

An issued date means the city marked the permit issued. A create date means the file was created. They answer different questions. “When did someone open the file?” is not “When did the city say yes?”

This week's addition layer shows the gap in real numbers: 53 created, 47 issued. Close, but not the same list. A permit created on Thursday may still be under review on Sunday. A permit issued on Monday may have been opened weeks ago.

Issued is not “under review.” Final is not the same as issued. If you only want work the city has already approved, filter on the issued date and then read the status on the row. If you want the fresh pile, use the create date and expect some files that are not approved yet.

What a count will not tell you

A citywide count is not a list of houses. It will not tell you the dollar value, or whether a crew is on site. Work can be issued and still waiting. A blank value means the city did not put that field on the row. Do not fill it in yourself.

The wide “All Permits” layer on the same map mixes in other folders, including tree permits and complaints. That is why this piece stays on the named building layers. If you need one job, open that job's row and then check the city's own copy before you act. This paper names the city only.

A simple Sunday pass

Pick one layer. Write its name at the top of your note so you do not mix files later. Set the date window before you scroll. Seven days shows the fresh edge. Thirty days shows whether this week was odd.

Read the work type next. An alteration is not a new house. A demolition is not a remodel. New residential construction is its own layer here, and this week it was the smaller file: 6 issued, against 47 issued additions and alterations. Then stop.

Soft product note

Filed Nearby reads public permit files and emails a plain-English report. On the live site, a one-mile neighborhood report is \$12 one time or \$9 a month. A city file is \$19 one time or \$19 a month. The largest cities on that page are a last-7-days file. Portland is not in that large-city list, so the city snapshot there is the last 30 days. A free block-heat score — Quiet, Stirring, Hot, or Boiling — sits on the site’s own tool page for the last 12 months in a one-mile circle. Exact job values stay in the paid report. The figures in this piece came from Portland’s public map, not from a product dashboard. Confirm any single filing on the city’s copy before you act.
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