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SPECIAL CENSUS RESULTS FOR JOLIET, ILLINOIS

The U. S. Census Bureau has completed its special census of Joliet, Illinois and is reporting that the City has grown by 1,962 additional residents since 2010. The census was requested by the City in early 2016 to count the population increase resulting from new housing development. The majority of housing growth occurred on the far west side of Joliet near the Will-Kendall County line.

“The City of Joliet continues to grow due to our location, quality of life, availability of jobs, and land,” according to Joliet Mayor Bob O’Dekirk. “Although things slowed down during the recession, Joliet has been on an upward trajectory over the past few years. We expect this to continue as we have had multiple inquiries pertaining to new projects.”

A total of 129 new housing permits were issued in 2014, 228 were issued in 2015, and 250 were issued in 2016. “Housing activity has a positive impact upon new retail prospects” according to Economic Development Director Steve Jones. “Retail activity is driven by the number of rooftops. The special census results will be useful information for retailers who may be considering a location near our Route 59 commercial corridor.”

The City of Joliet paid approximately \$100,000 for the census to be completed. However, the City anticipates the additional population to result in a significant increase in state shared revenues. The State of Illinois distributes income tax, motor fuel tax, and use tax to municipalities on a per capita basis. Based upon the population increase of 1,962 residents, the City estimates it will receive an additional \$288,000 per year in state revenues.

James D. Hock
City Manager

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago’s Loop. Home to over 147,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.cityofjoliet.info or call 815-724-4000. The City of Joliet’s Media Releases are always available on our website.