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Waukeee Special Census Numbers Show Immense City Growth

Waukeee, Iowa — The U.S. Census Bureau recently released the results of the City of Waukeee's fall 2015 Special Census. The population counts in the new Census blocks show an increase of 4,155 new residents in the community since the 2010 Census. That makes the official Waukeee population 17,945, which equals a 30 percent increase in residential growth since 2010. The official 2010 count was 13,790. The population going even further back to 2005 was 9,108.

"These results are right on trend with what we predicted based on the record-breaking building permit numbers we saw in 2015," said City of Waukeee Development Services Director Brad Deets. "In fact, the new housing numbers in Waukeee have increased tremendously since the last Census as well. There have been 1,714 housing units added since 2010. That's a nearly 32 percent increase over five years, which is very exciting."

Waukeee's progress is par for the course in Dallas County, as Dallas County remains the fastest growing county in the state and ranks 13th in growth in the nation among counties larger than 10,000 people.

While Waukeee leaders are thrilled that the community is thriving, they are also working hard to plan ahead and aim for successful managed growth. Multiple road maintenance and expansion projects are in the works currently or are in the City's long-term plans, including the widening of Alice's Road and the expansion of both Douglas and Westown Parkways. Sewer, stormwater and park improvements and additions are also planned.

"It can be a challenge to prioritize what needs to be done in a growing City when resources are limited, but it's a good problem to have," said Mayor William F. Peard. "The fact that we're growing so fast shows us we must be doing something right. So, we keep a close eye on the

residents' needs and put their tax dollars to work where they will be most beneficial. We want new and existing residents alike to have the best roads, amenities and services that we can provide."

Peard notes that as Waukee's new Kettlestone area begins to develop, it should bring in additional job opportunities for residents, something that is definitely a priority for City leaders.

The City's growth is also leading to increased Waukee Community School District demands. It was announced earlier this week that the district will build both a second high school and an additional elementary school over the next five years.

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The City of Waukee is located within the state of Iowa in Dallas County—one of the fastest-growing counties within the United States. The official Census count based on fall 2015 data is 17,945. Waukee offers a family-friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of its future mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit Waukee.org.