

Construction: \$5 million in building permits filed for affordable housing project Downtown

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Over the past week, about \$5 million in building permits were filed for a new affordable housing development near Ghost River Brewing Co. on the southern edge of Downtown.

The development, being executed by the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), will include 30 buildings that hold a total of about 75 units, according to Patton & Taylor Enterprises project manager Roy Kistner. He's hoping to break ground in late August and have the project finished in about 14 months, he said.

The *MBJ* first wrote about the development in August, when COGIC got initial approval for a \$4 million bond issue by the Memphis City Council for the development.

At the time, construction was set to begin in January 2017. Kistner said it took until May for COGIC to decide on a design and that a final budget still hasn't been agreed upon between COGIC and Patton & Taylor.

The hard construction costs of the project will be "in the \$5 million range," according to Self Tucker Architects' Juan Self, whose company designed the development.

Along with housing, the development is set to include a 3,000-square-foot community building that will house multipurpose activities, social services, a gym and a computer room, according to plans discussed at an August meeting.

A COGIC spokesman did not respond to questions about the project.

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