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City of Houston building permits totaled \$511.6 million in December '18, down 6.3 percent from \$546.0 million in December '17, according to the latest data released by the city's Public Works Department.

Two projects of note that were permitted in December:

- <u>Lakeside Country Club</u> (\$29.5 million permit value), an 86,170-square-foot facility built by Houston-based Tellepsen Builders. Lakeside Country Club is among the many west Houston properties damaged by Hurricane Harvey.
- <u>River Oaks Surgical Center</u> (\$13.0 million permit value), a 6-story, 130,000-square-foot mixed-use facility designed by San Francisco-based Gensler. The project will feature two floors of medical offices, a surgical center and ground level retail space.

For the full year, city building permits totaled \$6.1 billion, the same volume of construction as was permitted in '17.

- Nonresidential construction slipped 12.1 percent, from \$3.7 billion in '17 to \$3.3 billion in '18.
- Residential construction increased 17.7 percent, from \$2.4 billion in '17 to \$2.8 billion in '18.

