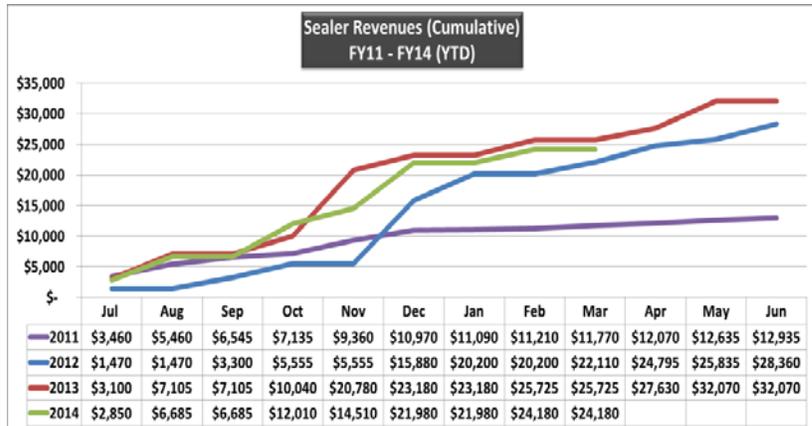


Sealer Revenues: The chart on the right shows the revenue that has been generated through our Sealer of Weights and Measures. In **FY12**, Lowell regionalized the Sealer function by joining with NMCOG in a consolidated, regional approach to inspecting all commercial weighing and measuring devices in the City. Since then, sealer revenues have increased sharply. In **FY13**, revenues were **up 68%**, as



compared to **FY10**, the last time a full-time sealer was on staff in Inspectional Services for a full fiscal year. The City has also seen sharp decrease in how much the Lowell taxpayer is subsidizing this essential service. In **FY08**, the cost was **\$70,000+** including salary, benefits, and other associated costs like retirement and travel allowance for a full-time city employee. That same year the revenues totaled \$12,295, meaning the tax-payer subsidy was **\$60,681**. Under the contract with NMCOG, the city agreed to pay a flat fee of **\$40,000 annually**. With actual revenue coming in at **\$32,070** this past fiscal year, the taxpayer subsidy fell to **\$7,930**, or roughly **20%** of the cost.

Building Permit Lag Time: LowellSTAT has been able to look closer at Building Permit Lag Time by breaking the permits down by Permit Description. **FY14** shows decreases in lag times for most of the “**New**” building permit categories while the “**Commercial**” and “**Residential**” lag times have mostly increased over **FY13**. The overall Lag Time for **FY14 YTD** is **10.26 Days**. The Lag Time is **42% higher than FY13**. These numbers factor out weekends but do not account for holidays or snow days. The total number of Building Permits issued by Development Services thus far in **FY14** is **1,392**. This number is on pace to meet or exceed the **FY13** total of **1,797**. Going forward, LowellSTAT hopes to make the Lag Time figure even more accurate by accounting for delays not caused by Development Services such as when the process is back in the hands of the applicant.

