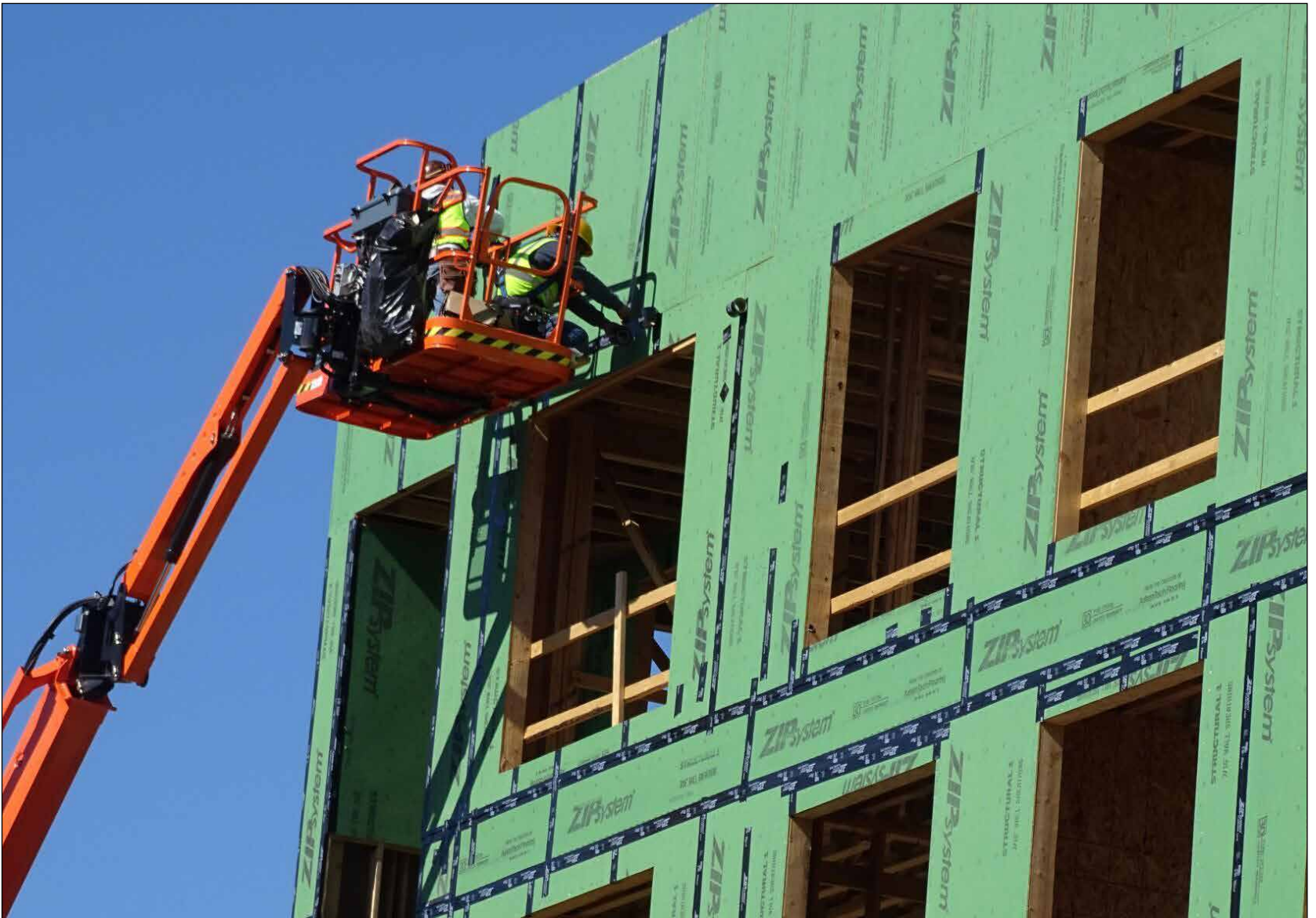


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Workers building Generation Constructors' 41-unit Arbory City Park West Condos project at Park and 16th avenues, Denver.

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Peter Rueth, a resident of Denver, has been trying to remodel his daughter's house on Franklin Street.

"Our contractor started the permit process on January 25th," Rueth wrote in an email to Denver Community Planning and Development and a city coun-

cil member. "Twenty-three weeks (23) have passed since the initial application submission was made."

Rueth said her daughter has been unable to occupy the home she purchased seven months ago, and was forced to find a place to rent.

"That rental is no longer available on June 27th," Rueth said. "So she will be

homeless if the remodel work is not complete by then."

Rueth's complaint is far from extraordinary. The amount of time it's taking the city of Denver to approve building permits has grown exponentially in recent months, in some cases over a year, a situation that is only exacerbating the

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