

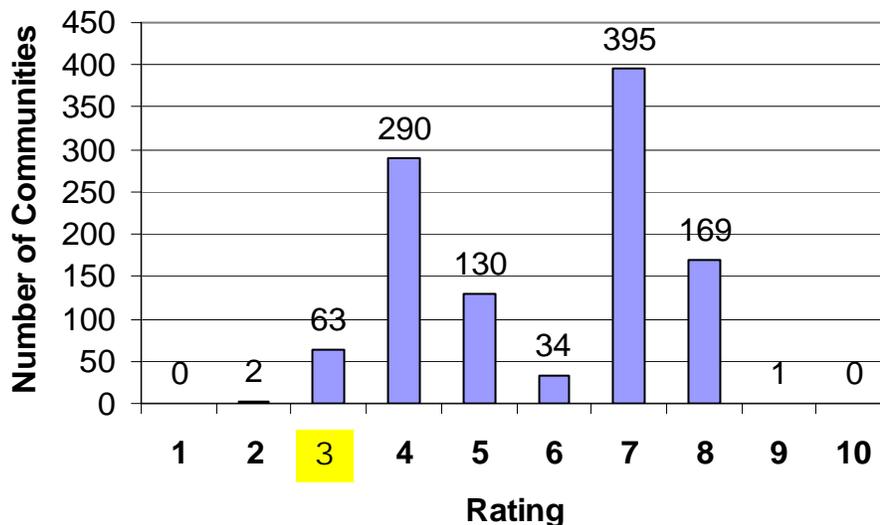
ISO - Insurance Services Office Rates Development & Operations in Top 3

The ISO is an insurer-supported organization whose primary mission is to provide advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. As an independent rating organization, its evaluations of municipal code enforcement practices can be used by communities to assess the quality, progress and additional needs of their enforcement programs. Insurers may use the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification that was recently developed for the Town of DeWitt as a basis for establishing rating credits to individual property insurance policies written in DeWitt.

The Town of DeWitt was rated a “3” (of a possible 10) for both one and two family residential property and for all other properties including commercial and industrial property. This rating represents a four step increase from its prior rating of seven. The rating system evaluates nearly thirty factors involving codes enforcement, administration, procedures, staffing level, personnel experience, training and public information programs. Many communities have been evaluated since the new State Building Code took effect in January 2003 as a way to measure compliance with its provisions.

In NY State, just six (6) percent or 64 municipalities scored as well or better than the Town’s Department of Development & Operations. Commissioner Robb praised the commitment of staff and the support of the Town Board in achieving this first-time rating.

ISO Ratings for New York Municipalities **(DeWitt Rating – 3)**



Source: ISO Properties, Inc. 2004
Note: Ratings for all types of buildings