

Luxury apartments planned for Lenexa City Center

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A developer is planning a luxury apartment project for the Lenexa City Center, citing the number of new jobs and activity finally arriving at the development first envisioned by city leaders more than 10 years ago.

The 203-unit project, called Domain at City Center, is being built by the same firm behind two other luxury apartment projects, the Village at Mission Farm in Overland Park and 51 Main in Kansas City. Construction is expected to begin early next year and be completed in about 18 months.

Steve Coon of ePartment Community LLC, said the decision by Perceptive Software to build its headquarters in Lenexa City Center, coupled with other large nearby employers, and Lenexa's decision to build a civic center at the development prompted his project.

"Lenexa City Center is an up-and-coming location," he said. "We got interested in the site when Perceptive Software decided to come there and with Cerner building its office complex by the Kansas Speedway."

Lenexa City Center is a 200-acre development at 87th Street Parkway and Renner Boulevard that is intended to create a pedestrian-friendly destination. The city had spent \$55 million on roads and other infrastructure, but the private development side had struggled until recently.

Last year, Perceptive Software announced it was building a \$50 million headquarters at the development that is ultimately expected to employ 1,000 people. The company is currently in Shawnee. Earlier this year, plans were approved for another 306-unit apartment project called Residences at City Center.

An existing four-story office building that had been vacant signed new office and restaurant tenants, and now the Domain at City Center apartment project has been announced.

Coon, who is co-developing the project with Terry O'Leary, declined to disclose the cost of the four-story project. It also will include a 304-space garage.

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