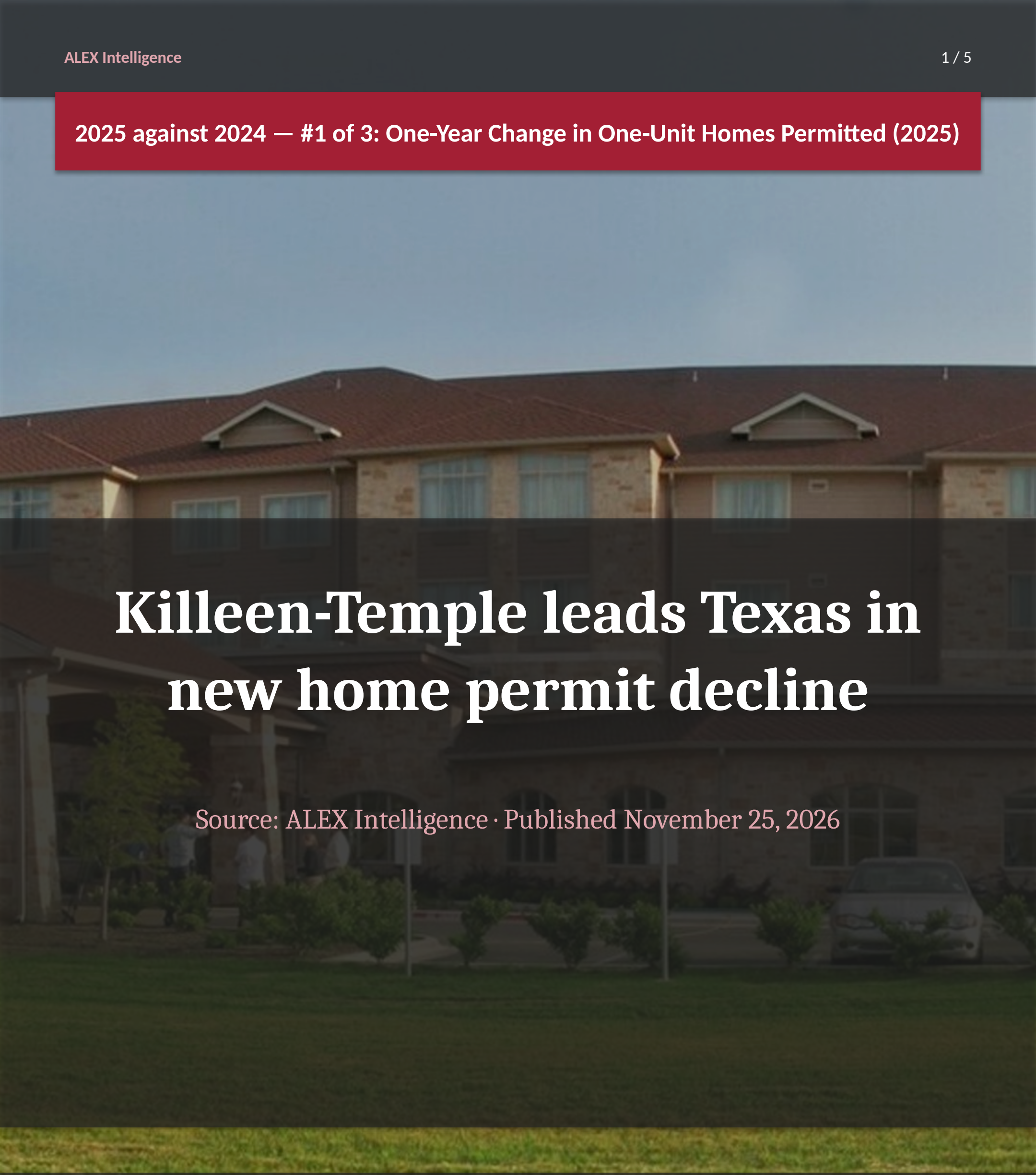
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# Killeen-Temple leads Texas in new home permit decline

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# -15.7%

**One-Year Change in One-Unit Homes Permitted (2025)**

Killeen-Temple recorded the steepest annual drop in new home permits among Texas metros.

This -15.7% decline marks a sharp reversal from recent expansion, signaling a cooling in new construction despite strong underlying demand. The drop may reflect rising material costs, labor shortages, or a strategic pause by builders anticipating tighter credit conditions.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, county annual totals, 2024 and 2025 · ALEX Intelligence computation
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## Supply is cooling, demand remains strong

The decline in new home permits—despite sustained job growth in defense and healthcare—suggests a structural shift: builders are not responding to demand with supply, but instead managing risk. This indicates that market dynamics are no longer driven by simple supply-demand balance, but by strategic capital allocation under uncertainty. The result is a growing gap between housing needs and new construction, which may accelerate price pressures in the existing home market even as new builds slow.

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## Construction slowdown is a leading indicator

A contraction in permits often precedes broader market shifts. The fact that this is happening in a high-growth region like Killeen-Temple—home to Fort Cavazos and a major medical corridor—suggests that the market is entering a new phase: one where affordability is being redefined not by price, but by access. The real story isn't the drop—it's that demand is strong enough to sustain prices even as supply contracts.

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