

BUILDING CODES

Program Description

The Building Codes Department enforces local and state building regulations by inspecting construction and issuing building and occupancy permits. The department is also charged with administering County Property Maintenance Codes.

Program and Services

In addition to issuing construction permits for buildings, new housing, and septic tanks, this department:

- Maintains inspection records, payroll and administrative records.
- Review all commercial building plans for code compliance/coordinate with other departments for approvals (i.e.) fire.
- Supervises all activities within the department (permit issuance, fire department budgets).
- Inspection of all construction activities for code compliance on residential, commercial, and manufactured housing.
- Inspect unsafe structures

Significant Changes

Personnel and operating dollars have changed with the transfer of four staff positions and their related costs from the Building Codes Department to the Environmental Enforcement Department to consolidate nuisance abatement efforts. The proposed “one-stop-shop” for nuisance abatement will make it easier for residents to report threats to public health and safety such as illegal dumping, substandard property maintenance, and inappropriate land use. Consolidation of operations will place together staff with expertise in litter enforcement, building code standards, and land use. There is no net change in the recommended General Fund budget as a result of this shift in service delivery. One staff member “on loan” to assist in the development of the new Geographic Information Department (GIS) is now reported in the GIS department. Personnel costs were also impacted because of a 4% compensation adjustment, and higher health care and workers compensation premiums.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION				
		FY2005 ACTUAL	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2007 BUDGET
POSITION TITLES	GRADES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		
Administrative Secretary	14	1	2	1
Permit Clerk	12	7	6	5
Code Enforcement Officer	19	14	14	11
Plans Review Coordinator	19	1	1	1
Assistant Director	28	1	1	1
Permit Administrator	27	1	1	1
Director	30	1	1	1
Fire Marshal	28	1		
TOTAL		27	26	21

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Account		FY 2005		Budget	Budget	FY07 vs FY06	%
No	Description	Actual	Budget	FY 2006	FY2007	Change	Change
510 PERSONNEL SERVICES							
*	91010 SALARIES	917,030	924,240	879,000	747,313	(131,687)	-15.0%
*	91510 FICA	67,451	70,700	67,240	57,170	(10,070)	-15.0%
*	91520 S C RETIREMENT	58,923	59,450	67,690	61,276	(6,414)	-9.5%
*	91530 POLICE RETIREMENT	6,055	6,030	-	1	1	
*	91540 GROUP INSURANCE	113,781	117,300	135,450	148,169	12,719	9.4%
*	91550 WORKMENS COMPENSATION	22,824	19,510	21,770	22,860	1,090	5.0%
* 510 PERSONNEL SERVICES		1,186,064	1,197,230	1,171,150	1,036,789	(134,362)	-11.5%
520 OPERATING EXPENSES							
*	92004 DUES-PROFESSIONAL	1,310	1,500	1,800	1,800	-	0.0%
*	92010 PUBLICATIONS	3,867	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
*	92204 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	-	1,410	1,410	1,500	90	6.4%
*	92528 TRAINING	2,662	2,000	3,000	2,500	(500)	-16.7%
*	92604 UNIFORMS	5,686	6,800	5,800	5,600	(200)	-3.4%
*	92610 SAFETY SHOES	1,174	2,000	1,880	1,425	(455)	-24.2%
*	92700 OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	6,532	6,500	6,000	4,500	(1,500)	-25.0%
*	92704 COPIER EXPENSE	2,127	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	0.0%
*	92710 PUBLIC ADS & NOTICES	391	500	500	500	-	0.0%
	92715 FIRE PREVENTION PROMOTION	-	1,000	-	-	-	
*	92924 SMALL TOOLS	484	500	500	500	-	0.0%
*	93121 PRINTING	2,531	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
	93302 CONTRACT SERVICES	109,409	20,000	20,000	-	(20,000)	-100.0%
*	93500 VEHICLE MANPOWER/OVERHEA	19,080	12,500	16,090	9,980	(6,110)	-38.0%
*	93501 VEHICLE-PARTS	10,634	6,010	6,010	4,800	(1,210)	-20.1%
*	93502 VEHICLE-FUEL, OIL, LUB	23,710	18,860	20,000	16,000	(4,000)	-20.0%
*	93503 CAR WASHES	-	900	500	500	-	0.0%
*	93600 TELEPHONE/FAX	25,131	25,000	23,600	18,333	(5,267)	-22.3%
*	95002 BOARD MEETING EXPENSE	3,120	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%
* 520 OPERATING EXPENSES		217,847	117,480	119,090	79,938	(39,152)	-32.9%
530 CAPITAL OUTLAY							
	99110 CHAIRS	892	900	-	-		
	99300 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	3,339	2,000	-	-		
530 CAPITAL OUTLAY		4,231	2,900	-	-		
* 09133 BUILDING CODES		1,408,142	1,317,610	1,290,240	1,116,727	(173,514)	-13.4%