

# MASTER IN EQUITY

The Master In Equity hears a broad range of non-jury civil cases which are referred by the Circuit Court. These cases involve real estate matters, such as mechanic liens, foreclosures, partitions, road closings, and condemnations. However, the majority of the cases referred are foreclosures. The Master In Equity conducts the foreclosure sale the first Monday of each month. These foreclosures are advertised and placed on the Spartanburg County website each month.

The Master In Equity is also assigned by the Supreme Court as a Circuit Court Judge for Spartanburg County to assist the Circuit Court with the docket.

## Financial Information

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9259	MASTER IN EQUITY						
	FY 04/05 ACTUAL	FY 05/06 ACTUAL	FY 06/07 BUDGET	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	\$ INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	% INC/DEC FY 08 - 07
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personnel Services Expenditures	299,785	311,140	327,406	327,136	<b>339,380</b>	11,974	3.7%
Operating Expenditures	9,717	10,913	13,630	13,630	<b>13,630</b>	0	0.0%
Capital Expenditures	2,140	5,130	7,500	0	<b>0</b>	(7,500)	-100.0%
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	0.0%
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$311,642</b>	<b>\$327,183</b>	<b>\$348,536</b>	<b>\$340,766</b>	<b>\$353,010</b>	<b>\$4,474</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

## Personnel Information

MASTER IN EQUITY	GRADE	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	*FY 06/07	FY 07/08 RECOMM	FY 07/08 ADOPTED	INC/DEC FY 08 - 07	EXEMPT (Y/N)
Master In Equity	Unclass	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	Y
Administrative Assistant	18	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	N
Court Reporter	17	2	2	2	2	<b>2</b>	0	N
Accounting Technician	16	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	0	N
<b>TOTAL, MASTER IN EQUITY</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

\*Includes any changes made during FY 06/07

## FY 08 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

The Master In Equity's FY 08 Adopted Budget reflects the following changes and initiatives:

- A decrease of \$7,500 in capital expenditures. There were no capital expenditures requested in FY 08.

## Departmental Functions

Function or Division	Description	FY 08 Adopted
<b>Preside Over Civil Non-Jury Cases</b>	Hear and dispose of any or all motions and pretrial proceedings; perform all administrative duties necessary to prepare cases for trial or other disposition, including sounding the trial and roster and docket; and try matters to conclusion.	\$
<b>Appeals</b>	Hear appeals from Magistrate, Municipal, and Probate Courts, as well as cases involving judicial review and/or appeal of decisions of administrative agencies or commissions.	\$
<b>Settlements</b>	Hear and approve or disapprove settlements of minor's interests, and wrongful death and survivor action settlements.	\$

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
FY 08 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**

*(MASTER IN EQUITY CONTINUED)*

<b>Function or Division</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY 08 Adopted</b>
<b>Criminal Matters</b>	Accept Grand Jury returns, preside over guilty pleas, bond hearings, probation revocations; hear and dispose of any or all motions and pretrial proceedings and non-jury trials; issue search warrants; and perform all other non-jury criminal matters.	\$
<b>TOTAL, MASTER IN EQUITY</b>		<b>\$353,010</b>