

PROBATE COURT

The Probate Court probates wills and appoints personal representatives to administer estates of deceased persons and appoints conservators to administer funds on behalf of minors and oversees said administrations; and issues marriage licenses. The Mental Health Division has jurisdiction over the involuntary commitment of the mentally ill, alcoholics, and drug addicts, and appoints and oversees guardians and conservators for adults and adjudicated incapacitated.

Financial Information

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9256	PROBATE COURT						
	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
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel Services Expenditures	818,278	900,256	958,098	959,172	998,250	40,152	4.2%
Operating Expenditures	35,070	30,569	40,840	42,200	42,200	1,360	3.3%
Capital Expenditures	419	3,765	26,610	15,070	15,070	(11,540)	-43.4%
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$853,767	\$934,589	\$1,025,548	\$1,016,442	\$1,055,520	\$29,972	2.9%

Personnel Information

PROBATE COURT	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)
Probate Judge	Elected	1	1	1	1	1	0	Y
Assistant Probate Judge	30	2	2	2	2	2	0	Y
Probate Court Administrator	27	1	1	1	1	1	0	Y
Commitment Division Court Supervisor	24	1	1	1	1	1	0	Y
Deputy Clerk	23	1	1	1	1	1	0	N
Court Coordinator	22	0	1	1	1	1	0	N
Estate Clerk Specialist II	21	1	2	2	2	2	0	N
Court Reporter	19	1	1	1	1	1	0	N
Estate Clerk Specialist I	18	5	4	4	4	4	0	N
Account Technician	16	0	0	1	1	1	0	N
Court Clerk	15	3	3	3	3	3	0	N
Other Positions	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
TOTAL, PROBATE COURT		18	17	18	18	18	0	

*Includes any changes made during FY 06/07

FY 08 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

The Probate Court's FY 08 Adopted Budget reflects the following changes and initiatives:

- A reduction in mileage reimbursement from \$3,000 to \$2,000 for FY 08 based on historical expenditures.
- A copy machine lease is included with operating expenditures for FY 08 at \$2,260.
- Replacement of courtroom recording devices budgeted at \$8,240 (capital expenditure). The current recording devices in the two (2) courtrooms are no longer being manufactured. These recorders are at least ten (10) years old. The new devices will interface with the Content Management System.
- Purchase of eleven (11) new laser printers and one (1) dot matrix printer budgeted at \$6,830 (capital expenditure). These technology expenditures have been reviewed and recommended by the county's Information Technologies Department.

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

(PROBATE COURT CONTINUED)

Court Functions

Program or Service	Description and Goals	FY 08 Adopted
Estate Division	Probates wills, oversees administration of estates of deceased persons and minors, and issues marriage licenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide the most efficient, people oriented, and error free service in the state. ● Handle workload increases due to population growth, increased use of the courts, and mandates by court administration and the judicial system; search for additional ways to serve the public by efficient use of staff and resources. 	\$
Mental Health Division	Jurisdiction over the involuntary commitment of the mentally ill and chemically dependent persons; appoint and oversee guardians and conservators for adults who are adjudicated incapacitated.	\$
TOTAL, PROBATE COURT		\$1,055,520