

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE
TEN-YEAR HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Description	FTEs
FY 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Depreciation schedule for computer equipment used for business tangible personal property tax calculation changed to reflect more rapid depreciation. 	
FY 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Virginia General Assembly enacted the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3523 et seq. Over a five year span, Virginia's car tax, on the first \$20,000 of value for qualifying vehicles, will be phased out for cars, panel and pick-up trucks (under 7,501 pounds) and motorcycles. Vehicles qualifying for tax relief under this program must be privately owned or leased by a natural person and used for non-business purposes. 	
FY 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No significant changes. 	
FY 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Added an Information Systems Analyst (\$52,225, 1.0 FTE) position to develop, implement and maintain integrated systems that support tax assessment programs. ▪ A special depreciation schedule for calculating the personal property tax is used for computer equipment owned by businesses in the County. To arrive at a fair market value for taxation purposes, this schedule uses a shorter term of depreciation than is used for other business tangible personal property. Beginning in calendar year 2000, computer equipment is valued at 65% the first year, 45% the second year, 30% the third year, and 10% thereafter. ▪ The FY 2001 adopted budget reflects the elimination of Office of Technology and Information Services (OTIS) charges of \$396,046 for data processing and personal computers as part of the transition of OTIS from an internal service fund to a general fund Department of Technology Services (DTS). ▪ Filing and renewal date for business license changed to March 1 from January 31. 	1.0
FY 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No significant changes. 	
FY 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No significant changes. 	
FY 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Positions were frozen for part of the year to reduce personnel expenditures to compensate for state budget cuts imposed by the Virginia State Compensation Board. 	
FY 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In November 2004 a Department of Motor Vehicles satellite office (DMV Select) was established in the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer's office. ▪ Most of the internal reorganization of the office and staff reconfiguration that started in January 2004 was completed including the creation of the enforcement program, staff empowerment and training. 	

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FY 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Technological upgrades and enhancements allowed improvements such as the system integration with inspections, DMV and the National Automobile Dealers Association; and an enhanced telephone system.▪ Implemented the Commissioner Alert system, customer outreach, and online vehicle registration.▪ Policy change was made to reclassify applicable business tangible personal property from office furniture to computer equipment. <p>▪ A DMV satellite office was opened in November 2004. The County collects three and one-half percent of all transactions conducted (split evenly between the Commissioner of Revenue's office and the Treasurer's office).</p>	