

COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the Community Code Enforcement Program is to enforce codes designed to ensure that all properties meet the minimum code requirements and improve the quality of life for Arlington residents.

The Community Code Enforcement Program enforces four codes: the Zoning Ordinance, the Property Maintenance Code of the International Code Counsel (ICC), the Noise Control Ordinance, and the Garbage, Refuse and Weeds Code. The Code Enforcement Office identifies code violations both through proactive inspections as well as by complaints.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Proposed	% Change '06 to '07
Personnel	\$1,016,422	\$987,731	\$1,070,983	8%
Non-Personnel	117,684	104,753	99,806	-5%
Total Expenditures	1,134,106	1,092,484	1,170,789	7%
Fees	2,391	4,000	4,000	-
Grants	-	500	500	-
Total Revenues	2,391	4,500	4,500	-
Net Tax Support	\$1,131,715	\$1,087,984	\$1,166,289	7%
Authorized FTEs	14.8	15.0	15.0	
Funded FTEs	14.8	15.0	15.0	

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ↑ The increase in personnel costs (\$83,252) reflect a two percent market pay line adjustment, a 10% increase in employer health insurance costs, and an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund.
- ↓ The decrease in non-personnel costs (\$4,947) reflects a reduction in DTS telephone charges (\$8,461) offset by an increase in County vehicle charges (\$3,514).

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2007 Goal
Number of total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program	1,144	1,372	453	787	1,000	1,000	1,000
Number of units inspected under the Full Code Program	298	567	439	534	500	500	500
Number of major violations	N/A	281	56	242	200	200	200
Rate of major violations	N/A	49%	12%	45%	60%	60%	60%
Number of units inspected under Full Code Program meeting minimum code standards	N/A	314	14	112	160	160	160
Percent of violations corrected	N/A	100%	77%	94%	100%	100%	100%
Number of dilapidated structures demolished or put into productive use	N/A	N/A	34	30	12	12	12
Number of code enforcement cases	3,289	3,686	3,342	3,631	3,500	3,500	3,500
Number of code enforcement cases identified by staff	1,684	1,935	1,779	2,033	2,500	2,500	2,500
Percentage of code enforcement cases identified by staff	51%	52%	53%	71%	71%	71%	71%

- For the total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program, the goal is 5% each year of the units that are 30 years or older
- The goal is to inspect 25% of the units in these projects.
- Rate of major violations equals the number of major violations divided by the number of units inspected.

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- The County's increased emphasis on proactive code inspection and the number of use permits with conditions to be enforced (including at night), combined with the existing Full Code Program, will continue to place a strain on this program's resources.
- Financial resources for clean-up of properties and demolitions will continue to be needed in the future as this becomes a more integral part of the work done by the Section.