

COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM MISSION

To enforce codes designed to ensure that all properties meet the minimum code requirements and improve the quality of life for Arlington residents. The other organizational units that comprise the Inspection Services Division are shown in the Development Fund (Tab L).

The Community Code Enforcement Program enforces four codes: the Zoning Ordinance, the Property Maintenance Code of the International Code Council (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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Proposed	% Change '08 to '09
Personnel	\$909,488	\$1,115,911	\$1,170,969	5%
Non-Personnel	174,756	110,094	104,789	-5%
Total Expenditures	1,084,244	1,226,005	1,275,758	4%
Fees	4,474	5,500	5,500	-
Total Revenues	4,474	5,500	5,500	-
Net Tax Support	\$1,079,770	\$1,220,505	\$1,270,258	4%
Permanent FTEs	15.0	15.0	15.0	
Temporary FTEs	-	-	-	
Total Authorized FTEs	15.0	15.0	15.0	

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ↑ Personnel expenditures include normal salary increases and corresponding increases to overtime pay, an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund, and a ten percent increase in employer health insurance rates.
- ↓ Non-personnel expenditures decrease primarily due to decreases in Auto Fund charges (\$886) and telephone charges (\$4,718).
- Revenue reflects ticket issuance activity for non-compliance code violations for the Civil Penalties Program.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Critical Measures	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2009 Target
Number of units inspected under the Full Code Program	439	534	951	149	500	500	500
Number of code enforcement cases	3,342	3,631	4,497	3,776	3,500	3,500	3,500
Number of code enforcement cases identified by staff	1,779	2,033	3,238	2,169	3,000	3,000	3,000

Supporting Measures	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2009 Target
Number of total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program	453	787	967	227	1,000	1,000	1,000
Percent of units inspected under Full Code Program meeting minimum code standards	40%	21%	17%	9%	32%	32%	32%
Percent of violations corrected	77%	94%	93%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Number of dilapidated structures demolished or put into productive use	34	30	2	7	12	10	10

- For the total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program, the goal is five percent each year of the units that are 30 years or older.
- The Full Code Program is a comprehensive inspection by code compliance inspectors, community code enforcement inspectors, and fire code inspectors.
- Staff changes and turn-over within the Code Enforcement Program resulted in a lower sampling of units inspected under the Full Code Program during FY 2007.

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.
- Since the establishment of the Arlington County Hoarding Task Force in 2002, the Community Code Enforcement program has measured an increasing amount of inspector staff time directed to hoarding cases. This will continue to be a strain on the program's current resources.