

CODE COMPLIANCE SECTION

PROGRAM MISSION

To safeguard public health, safety, and welfare by enforcing State-mandated construction codes by inspecting buildings under construction.

Inspectors from the Code Compliance Section perform inspections to assess compliance with various model codes adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia to achieve minimum safety requirements. These model codes include Building, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Mechanical, Electrical, Energy, Elevator, Backwater Sanitation, as well as the One and Two-Family Dwelling Code. The Code Compliance Section is responsible for monitoring the progress of new construction throughout the County according to these codes and standards. Staff investigates complaints of non-compliance and acts of illegal construction projects, assists Community Code Enforcement with full code inspections and blighted properties, and coordinates with the Zoning Administration office and the Department of Environmental Services on final inspections and certificate of occupancy inspections.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Revised	FY 2009 Proposed	% Change '08 to '09
Personnel	\$2,491,357	\$2,578,373	\$2,614,789	1%
Non-Personnel	176,368	263,672	301,093	14%
Intra-County Charges	(85,224)	(85,224)	(85,224)	-
Total Expenditures	2,582,501	2,756,821	2,830,658	3%
Fees	2,582,501	2,756,821	2,830,658	3%
Total Revenues	2,582,501	2,756,821	2,830,658	3%
Net Tax Support	-	-	-	-
Permanent FTEs	24.0	25.0	28.0	
Temporary FTEs	4.0	4.0	-	
Total Authorized FTEs	28.0	29.0	28.0	

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. These increases are partially offset by the transfer of a Permitting Specialist (1.0 FTE) to the Permit Processing Section.
- ↑ Non-personnel expenditures include increases in Auto Fund charges (\$31,154) and for fuel based on actual spending and rate adjustments (\$6,267).
- ↑ Fee revenue increases to reflect a proposed 3.3 percent increase in fee rates and a projected increase in permitting and construction activity (\$73,837).
- Upon creation of the DCPHD Development Fund, four temporary FTEs were converted to permanent FTEs.

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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
Percent of all inspections completed within 24 hours of request	82%	80%	75%	77%	90%	90%	90%
Total inspections conducted	42,490	44,382	48,793	51,160	50,000	50,000	50,000
Inspections per inspector per day [average]	11.90	13.75	13.86	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00

Supporting Measures	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2009 Target
Percent of customers satisfied with the inspection process	N/A	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percent of inspections resulting in approval	95%	55%	58%	78%	60%	60%	60%

- The lower percent of inspections approved in FY 2005 and beyond reflects the fact that many residential inspections are not approved at a first inspection, either because a project is not ready for inspection at the first scheduled inspection or because a project fails to meet requirements.