

CODE ENFORCEMENT

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY03	ACTUAL FY04	BUDGET FY05	PROJECTED FY05	RECOMMENDED FY06
Personnel Expenses	\$ 2,438,988	\$ 3,103,494	\$ 3,395,628	\$ 3,394,529	\$ 3,476,523
Operating Expenses	676,368	1,144,765	1,332,673	1,326,771	1,177,938
Operating Budget	\$ 3,115,356	\$ 4,248,259	\$ 4,728,301	\$ 4,721,300	\$ 4,654,461
Capital Outlay	0	156,365	149,960	149,960	5,636
Budget Allocation	\$ 3,115,356	\$ 4,404,624	\$ 4,878,261	\$ 4,871,260	\$ 4,660,097
Authorized Positions	50	55	59	58	58

Vision and Mission: Through the department of code enforcement’s dedication and commitment to enforcing Chapters 19 and 27 of the City of Tampa Code, the department envisions Tampa as a city free of infractions resulting from zoning violations, overgrown lots or yards, inoperative vehicles, maintenance of structures, noise control, illegal signs and public nuisances. The department of code enforcement’s mission is to provide services that protect the city and citizens of Tampa from unscrupulous practices and hazardous situations while empowering the overall community to maintain a quality of life that is exceptionally positive both professionally and ethically.

Goals and Objectives: The department is dedicated to the enforcement of city and state standards. These standards allow for safe and orderly practices related to the maintenance of all property, whether developed or undeveloped and other related enforcement issues. In executing its mission, code enforcement focuses on the following goals and objectives:

- Improve the quality of life for all Tampa residents: Apply an aggressive proactive program to deal with technical and in-depth health, safety and welfare codes.
- Educate citizens on property maintenance standards and code requirements: Create a code enforcement public education program.
- Deliver efficient and effective city services: Facilitate staff training and development for promoting and maintaining state-of-the-art technology.

Current Operations and Initiatives: During fiscal year 2005, the department of code enforcement, through its systematic and proactive approach, opened approximately 34,000 new cases and participated in three major clean-up initiatives by partnering with other city departments and several neighborhoods. The first initiative, Operation Springs Cleaning, focused on the Sulphur Springs neighborhood and resulted in 719 new cases being opened and the removal of approximately 223 tons of trash. The second initiative, Operation Summer Heat, took place in July and focused on neighborhoods in West Tampa. The third initiative targeted neighborhoods in the east Ybor City area, east of 22nd Street and south of I-4. During fiscal year 2005, the department successfully implemented its program of installing laptop computers in the city vehicles of all its inspectors and intends to go live with a new computer software program that will be Microsoft Windows-based replacing its obsolete DOS-based operating system.

The diversion program, which connects non-profit agencies and other city departments with those needing assistance in order to reach code compliance, continues to strive and is well received by the residents affected. With an active caseload of 67 cases, the diversion program has assisted 94 families in bringing their properties into compliance since it’s creation. In fiscal year 2006, code enforcement will create a new code enforcement advisory committee to ensure quality service is provided within the community and continued efficiency of the code enforcement process. The committee will be comprised of nine citizens that actively belong to any neighborhood association and/or crime watch association within the city.

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Performance Measures	Actual	Projected	Estimated
Code Inspections	93,287	114,177	124,000