

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY02	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	PROJECTED FY04	RECOMMENDED FY05
Personnel Expenses	\$ 2,305,853	\$ 2,438,988	\$ 3,002,302	\$ 2,929,879	\$ 3,395,628
Operating Expenses	<u>287,832</u>	<u>676,368</u>	<u>1,280,603</u>	<u>1,280,603</u>	<u>1,112,176</u>
Operating Budget	\$ 2,593,685	\$ 3,115,356	\$ 4,282,905	\$ 4,210,482	\$ 4,507,804
Capital Outlay	<u>5,375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>255,300</u>	<u>255,300</u>	<u>83,000</u>
Budget Allocation	\$ 2, 599,060	\$ 3,115,356	\$ 4,538,205	\$ 4,465,782	\$ 4,590,804
Authorized Positions	51	50	55	59	59

**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 pro-active program to deal with technical and in-depth health, safety and welfare codes.
- 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 2004, the department of code enforcement went from being a city division to becoming a full-fledged city department. Five new code enforcement officer positions were added and four additional staff positions were created to assist the department in meeting its goals. The department then implemented a new deployment dividing the city into three distinct inspection areas and established a special operations unit to respond to immediate health, safety and welfare concerns. The department changed from a reactive complaint driven agency to a systematic inspection program that was proactive and aggressive. The department partnered with the 13th Judicial Circuit to create a criminal code court to deal with the most egregious violators in an effort to achieve code compliance from some of the worst public nuisance violators. One of the most successful projects for the department has been the creation of its diversion services program to assist homeowners who had verifiable hardship conditions in bringing their property into compliance with city code. The diversion services program connects non-profit agencies and other city departments with those needing assistance in order to reach code compliance. Fiscal year 2005 will see the department implementing its program of putting laptop computers in the vehicles of all its code enforcement inspectors. It is anticipated that approximately 36,000 new code cases will be opened establishing again a new all time high for that category. In addition, the department intends to go live with a new computer software program that will be windows based with its operating system and replace an obsolete DOS based system.

Performance Measures	FY03 Actual	FY04 Projected	FY05 Estimated
Code Inspections	76,391	93,197	98,550