

CODE ENFORCEMENT

RESOURCES	ACTUAL FY04	ACTUAL FY05	BUDGET FY06	PROJECTED FY06	RECOMMENDED FY07
Personnel Expenses	\$ 3,103,494	\$ 3,367,120	\$ 3,476,523	\$ 3,415,936	\$ 3,740,629
Operating Expenses	<u>1,144,765</u>	<u>920,135</u>	<u>1,508,801</u>	<u>1,508,801</u>	<u>1,209,492</u>
Operating Budget	\$ 4,248,259	\$ 4,287,255	\$ 4,985,324	\$ 4,924,737	\$ 4,950,121
Capital Outlay	<u>156,365</u>	<u>132,123</u>	<u>23,474</u>	<u>23,474</u>	<u>13,755</u>
Budget Allocation	\$ 4,404,624	\$ 4,419,378	\$ 5,008,798	\$ 4,948,211	\$ 4,963,876
Authorized Positions	55	59	58	58	59

Vision and Mission: The department of code enforcement is a municipal agency dedicated to the enforcement of city and State standards. These standards allow for safe and orderly practices as related to maintenance of all property, whether developed or undeveloped and other related enforcement issues. To that effect, the department of code enforcement is a “Law Enforcement” entity in all related policies and practices. The department intends to forge an on-going and cooperative relationship with other law enforcement and maintenance agencies and pledges to stay abreast of the best practices and policies to serve its constituents in the 21st century.

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 which is exceptionally positive, both professionally and ethically.

Goals and Objectives: The department’s goal is to improve the quality of life by providing quality services for all Tampa residents. Goals will be accomplished through swift legal due process and enforcement actions. An aggressive pro-active program will be applied in dealing with technical and in-depth health, safety and welfare organizations, and for the benefit of the general public who may require the department’s services.

Current Operations and Initiatives: This year, in addition to continuing its systematic approach in all neighborhoods of the city, the department participated in a major clean-up initiative which targeted communities by partnering with other city departments and several neighborhoods to improve the quality of life for the citizens in those areas. The department continues to increase its caseload with Hillsborough County Criminal Code Court and is committed to providing inspectional support and clerical support to the legal department for the creation of a Judicial Foreclosure program. The department is in receipt of requests by neighborhoods for increased sign enforcement and continues to partner with the Tampa Police Department and other agencies to participate on the Ybor City Task Force, committing several inspectors to the effort. The Diversion program continues with substantial impetus, expecting an active caseload estimated at 150 cases. The program assisted 101 families in bringing their properties into compliance in 2006. The Code Enforcement Advisory committee, comprised of 12 citizens who are active members in any Neighborhood Association and/or Crime Watch Association, is experiencing great success. This quality of service within the community will ensure efficiency of the code enforcement process. The department continues to work to improve the quality of service by providing exceptional education and training to staff through its own training program and through outside sources.

	FY05	FY06	FY07
Performance Measures	Actual	Projected	Estimated
New Cases Opened	31,788	33,700	35,600
Number of Inspections	94,993	99,500	104,000
Number of Violations	72,863	73,400	73,950
Number of Diversion Active Cases	95	150	175