

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE
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PROGRAM MISSION: To provide for fair taxation of Arlington property.

The Real Estate Assessment program is responsible for making annual appraisals of all real property in Arlington County (except for state assessed public service corporation property, railroad and pipeline property); notifying owners of assessments; maintaining a record of property ownership; responding to inquiries concerning assessment procedures; conducting administrative reviews of assessments; defending assessments before the Board of Equalization; and providing assistance to the County Attorney for legal defense of assessments.

Real Estate Assessment				
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	% Change:
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>'05 to '06</u>
Personnel	\$1,483,683	\$1,561,236	\$1,624,681	4%
Non-Personnel	173,439	151,848	148,458	-2%
Subtotal	1,657,122	1,713,084	1,773,139	4%
Intra-County Charges	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,657,122	1,713,084	1,773,139	4%
Fees	2,865	3,000	3,000	-
Total Revenues	2,865	3,000	3,000	-
Net Tax Support	\$1,654,257	\$1,710,084	\$1,770,139	4%
Authorized FTEs	21.0	21.0	21.0	
Funded FTEs	21.0	21.0	21.0	

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- ↑ Increase in personnel costs (\$63,445) to fully fund steps and benefits for eligible employees.
- ↓ Decrease in non-personnel costs due to a decrease in telephone charges for the agency (\$3,390).

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	CY 2002	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2005	CY 2006	CY 2006
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Goal</u>
<i><u>Mission Outcome Measures</u></i>						
Assessment/Sale Ratio	.835	.861	.851	.90	.90	.90
Coefficient of Dispersion	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Price related differential (PRD)	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
<i><u>Customer Measures</u></i>						
Percent of customer requests fulfilled within established timeframes	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%	90%	100%
Percent of property information requests fulfilled within the same business day	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%
Percent of ownership changes posted within 2 weeks of recording	N/A	N/A	N/A	99%	99%	100%
<i><u>Workload Measures</u></i>						
Real property tax base (in billions)	\$27.2	\$37.1	\$35.5	\$42.0	\$44.7	\$44.7
Number of parcels appraised	58,089	58,850	59,006	59,231	60,000	60,000
Number of parcels inspected	3,000	3,000	3,680	5,000	5,000	6,000
Number of Board of Equalization appeals	323	266	163	250	250	250
Number of parcels reviewed	851	648	620	700	700	700
Deeds and wills reviewed by Real Estate staff	7,249	7,970	7,960	8,000	8,000	8,000

- ❖ The price related differential (PRD) measures assessment equity between low-value and high-value properties. Acceptable values of the PRD range from 0.98 to 1.03.

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

- ❖ Integrating the real estate assessment data base with County information systems, installing contemporary document management technologies, and developing fully the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system to build a comprehensive computer assisted assessment system (CAAS) will require additional resources.
- ❖ The increasing complexity and volume of real estate assessments will create the need for additional staff resources.
- ❖ The department is serving as a County prototype for an electronic records management system which may require additional funds to fully implement over the next several years.