

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 Zoning Administration and the Department of Environmental Services on Final Inspections and Certificate of Occupancy Inspections.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Proposed	% Change '07 to '08
Personnel	\$2,159,558	\$2,411,848	\$2,462,290	2%
Non-Personnel	191,014	236,230	263,672	12%
Total Expenditures	2,350,572	2,648,078	2,725,962	3%
Fees	2,350,572	2,562,854	2,725,962	6%
Grants	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	2,350,572	2,562,854	2,725,962	6%
Net Tax Support	-	-	-	100%
Authorized FTEs	24.0	28.0	29.0	
Funded FTEs	24.0	28.0	29.0	

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 15 percent increase in employer health insurance rates. It also includes the addition of one limited-term construction codes inspector position (\$73,283, 1.0 FTE).
- ↑ Non-personnel budget increases include the addition of funds to cover the costs for one new position (\$14,235), increases for fuel based on actual spending and rate adjustments (\$4,072), and Auto Fund charges (\$9,135).

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Critical Measures	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2008 Goal
Percent of all inspections completed within 24 hours of request	75%	82%	80%	75%	67%	75%	85%
Total inspections conducted	40,193	42,490	44,382	48,793	50,000	50,000	50,000
Inspections per inspector per day [average]	11.70	11.90	13.75	13.86	14.00	14.00	12.00

Supporting Measures	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2008 Goal
Percent of customers satisfied with the inspection process	N/A	N/A	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percent of inspections approved	N/A	95%	55%	58%	51%	55%	75%

- The amount of illegal construction projects and community complaints is on the rise. Field Inspectors, with full daily schedules, are pulled from assignments to investigate complaints on a daily basis. Often these are complex and require more time than a regular site visit or trades inspection. This impacts the percent of all inspections that can be completed within 24 hours of request.
- 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.

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- Additional staff resources will be needed to create a Non-Compliance Investigations section to help bring illegal construction projects into compliance with the State and County construction codes as the County continues to grow.