

COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM MISSION

To enforce codes designed to ensure that all properties meet the minimum code requirements and improve the quality of life for Arlington residents. (The other organizational units that comprise the Inspection Services Division are shown in the Fee-Supported Programs section of the DCPHD budget.)

The Community Code Enforcement Program enforces four codes: the Zoning Ordinance, the Property Maintenance Code of the International Code Counsel (ICC), the Noise Control Ordinance, and the Garbage, Refuse and Weeds Code. The Code Enforcement Office identifies code violations both through proactive inspections as well as by complaints.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Proposed	% Change '07 to '08
Personnel	\$1,007,827	\$1,085,143	\$1,102,417	2%
Non-Personnel	131,805	99,806	110,094	10%
Total Expenditures	1,139,632	1,184,949	1,212,511	2%
Fees	2,475	4,000	5,500	38%
Grants	-	500	-	-100%
Total Revenues	2,475	4,500	5,500	22%
Net Tax Support	\$1,137,157	\$1,180,449	\$1,207,011	2%
Authorized FTEs	15.0	15.0	15.0	
Funded FTEs	15.0	15.0	15.0	

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.
- ↑ The non-personnel increase reflects an increase in fuel costs based on actual spending and rate adjustments (\$3,376) and Auto Fund charges (\$6,912).
- ↑ The increase in revenues reflects increased ticket issuance activity for non-compliance code violations for the Civil Penalties Program.

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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
Number of units inspected under the Full Code Program	567	439	534	951	500	500	500
Number of code enforcement cases	3,686	3,342	3,631	4,497	4,000	4,000	4,000
Number of code enforcement cases identified by staff	1,935	1,779	2,033	3,238	2,500	3,000	3,000

Supporting Measures	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2008 Goal
Number of total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program	1,372	453	787	967	1,000	1,000	1,000
Number of major violations	281	56	242	121	200	200	200
Rate of major violations	49%	12%	45%	13%	40%	40%	40%
Number of units inspected under Full Code Program meeting minimum code standards	314	174	112	160	160	160	160
Percent of violations corrected	100%	77%	94%	93%	100%	100%	100%
Number of dilapidated structures demolished or put into productive use	N/A	34	30	2	12	12	12
Percentage of code enforcement cases identified by staff	52%	53%	56%	72%	63%	75%	75%

- For the total units in projects inspected under the Full Code Program, the goal is five percent each year of the units that are 30 years or older
- Rate of major violations equals the number of major violations divided by the number of units inspected.
- The Full Code Program is a comprehensive inspection by code compliance inspectors, community code enforcement inspectors, and fire code inspectors.

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- The County's increased emphasis on proactive code inspection and the number of use permits with conditions to be enforced (including at night), combined with the existing Full Code Program, will continue to place a strain on this program's resources.