

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

DESCRIPTION

The Code of Virginia requires all local governments to enforce the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). The Department of Building Construction and Inspections fulfills this role for Henrico County by reviewing and inspecting the structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems of buildings and structures in Henrico County to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the county’s citizens. The reviews and inspections are based on criteria that are consistent with nationally recognized codes and standards at reasonable cost levels.

The Department also enforces the maintenance and unsafe provisions of the USBC and the Drug Blight, Bawdy Places, and Derelict Buildings ordinances to further the objectives of the county's Community Maintenance Program. In addition, the Department administers the graffiti ordinance to remove graffiti in the county.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the public health, safety, and welfare affected by the design and construction of buildings and structures in Henrico County.
- To ensure the quality of inspections by field staff through education and certification to State standards.
- To provide services that equal customer expectations for professionalism and accountability.
- To establish policies and procedures that are consistent, practical, workable, and enforceable.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY20	FY21	FY22	Change
	Actual	Original	Approved	21 to 22
Personnel	\$ 4,475,369	\$ 4,441,860	\$ 4,870,725	9.7%
Operation	274,635	405,920	405,920	0.0%
Capital	463	300	300	0.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 4,750,467	\$ 4,848,080	\$ 5,276,945	8.8%
Interdepartmental Billings	(162,719)	(177,599)	(149,742)	(15.7%)
Total Budget	\$ 4,587,748	\$ 4,670,481	\$ 5,127,203	9.8%
Personnel Complement	58	58	58	0

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY20	FY21	FY22	Change 21 to 22
Workload Measures				
Building Inspections	31,395	31,000	35,000	4,000
Electrical Inspections	19,548	19,500	20,000	500
Mechanical Inspections	13,396	14,000	15,000	1,000
Plumbing Inspections	17,747	18,000	20,000	2,000
Fire Protection Inspections	3,933	4,000	4,500	500
Elevator Inspections	306	300	300	0
Sign Inspections	832	800	800	0
Total Inspections	87,157	87,600	95,600	8,000
Total Permits Issued	15,644	16,000	16,000	0
Single Family Permits Issued	800	900	1,000	100
Existing Structure Inspections	4,020	5,000	5,000	0
FOG Inspections	173	150	200	50
Efficiency Measures				
Residential Inspections/Inspector/Day	14	15	16	1
Mech./Plumbing Inspections/Inspector/Day	16	18	20	2
Electrical Inspections/Inspector/Day	15	16	17	1
Fire Protection Inspections/Inspector/Day	6	6	7	1
Commercial Inspections/Inspector/Day	10	10	11	1
Avg. # of Inspections/Single Family Dwelling	35	35	35	0

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Department of Building Construction and Inspections budget is divided into two sections: Building Inspections and Community Maintenance. The combined FY2021-22 approved budget is \$5,127,203, reflecting an increase of \$456,722, or 9.8 percent, when compared to the prior fiscal year.

The Building Inspections budget for FY2021-22 totals \$4,637,429 and reflects an increase of \$369,437 in personnel expenses containing employee compensation and benefit rate increases. The operating and capital budget is unchanged from the previous fiscal year with funds shifted between accounts addressing operational requirements.

The Community Maintenance budget totals \$489,774, an increase of \$87,285 when compared to the prior fiscal year. Personnel expenses increased by \$59,428 reflecting employee compensation and benefit rate increases. Operating expenses match funding in the prior fiscal year. Also included in the Community Maintenance Division are the costs for two positions dedicated to ensuring restaurants have the proper equipment to prevent oil and grease from entering the sewer system. The ongoing cost for these two positions total \$149,742, reflecting a net increase in operating expenses of \$27,857 will be reimbursed by the Department of Public Utilities in the interdepartmental billing account.