

**DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (45)**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will support the Mayor's vision to transform the government of the City of Detroit to the Next Detroit by applying the guiding principles of the Next Detroit, which means a commitment to structural balancing by managing costs and improving services to citizens.

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will play an integral role in supporting Mayor Kilpatrick's vision to create a cleaner Detroit by supporting the City's efforts to eradicate illegal dumping. The DAH will support these efforts in the adjudication and collection processes.

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) will help support the Mayor's initiative to create a cleaner City by establishing an efficient and cost effective manner to adjudicate cases in an impartial and independent forum.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Administrative Hearings (DAH) incorporates the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau's (MOVB) collection process into its system, thereby establishing new procedures for the administration, adjudication and collection of blight violations into one framework. The Zoning, Environmental, and Property Maintenance Branches of the MOVB are now adjudicated under the Department of Administrative Hearings. The DAH will assess civil fines and costs pursuant to the schedules of violations for the Blight Ordinances. Under the DAH, violation notices will contain hearing dates, so no separate citation will be generated, and hearings will yield Decisions and Orders

with which a defendant must comply or appeal to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Michigan.

**MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR  
FY 2007-08**

The DAH opened its doors in January 2005 at 561 E. Jefferson. Since then, 122,807 blight violation notices have been issued by the enforcing agencies and 113,458 DAH hearings have been held. The total future volume of violations are not known, but it is expected to decrease in subsequent years, as the deterrent effects of the increased enforcement effort continue to accrue throughout the city. Fines and revenues are recorded for Solid Waste/Illegal violations in the Department of Environmental Affairs, and fines and revenues for Zoning and Property Maintenance Violations are recorded in the Department of Buildings Safety Engineering.

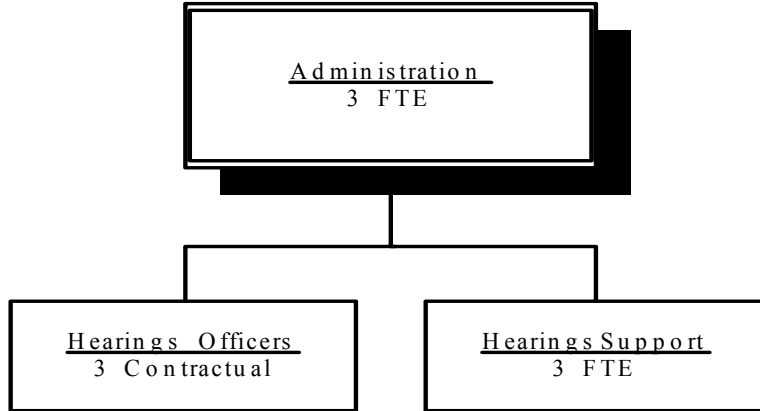
**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR  
FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and BEYOND**

The DAH will begin to hear blight violation cases out in the community in 2008. These neighborhood-based DAH hearings are aimed at enabling residents of the city a shorter commute and enhanced parking, as well as the opportunity to have cases heard in the neighborhoods where the violations actually occur.

The DAH is also seeking to expand its jurisdiction to include dangerous buildings and right-of-way signage and advertising violations.

Additionally, the DAH will seek to increase compliance with DAH orders and judgments by initiating online and phone payment options, as well as instituting a judgment notification process to work in tandem with the collections effort.

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**PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS**

<b>Type of Performance Measure:</b> List of Measures	<b>2006-07</b> Actual	<b>2007-08</b> Projection	<b>2008-09</b> Target
<b>Outputs: Units of Activity directed toward Goals:</b>			
Number of zoning division violations heard	11,350	13,000	14,000
Number of solid waste/illegal dumping division violations heard	9,350	10,000	10,500
Number of property maintenance division violations heard	20,700	22,000	23,000
<b>Outcomes: Results or Impacts of Program Activities</b>			
Average number of days between violation issuance and hearing date		55	55%
Percent of Decisions and Orders overturned	<1%	<1%	<1%
Percent of Decisions and Orders appealed	0%	0%	0%
<b>Efficiency: Program Costs related to Units of Activity</b>			
Percent of Orders in delinquency	50%	45%	40%
Percent of cases that are no-show	50%	45%	40%

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**EXPENDITURES**

	2006-07		2008-09		Variance	Variance Percent
	Actual Expense	2007-08 Redbook	Mayor's Budget Rec			
Salary & Wages	\$ 364,261	\$ 365,811	\$ 384,491	\$ 18,680	5%	
Employee Benefits	244,617	241,803	241,250	(553)	0%	
Prof/Contractual	1,455,403	1,298,460	1,298,460	-	0%	
Operating Supplies	32,833	10,000	10,000	-	0%	
Operating Services	200,092	278,533	268,639	(9,894)	-4%	
Capital Equipment	(125)	5,000	5,000	-	0%	
Other Expenses	10,368	-	-	-	0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,307,449</b>	<b>\$ 2,199,607</b>	<b>\$ 2,207,840</b>	<b>\$ 8,233</b>	<b>0%</b>	
POSITIONS	5	6	6	-	0%	

**REVENUES**

	2006-07		2008-09		Variance	Variance Percent
	Actual Expense	2007-08 Redbook	Mayor's Budget Rec			
Rev From Use of Assets	553	85	500	415	488%	
Sales and Charges	\$ 235,106	886,982	\$ 886,482	(500)	0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 235,659</b>	<b>\$ 887,067</b>	<b>\$ 886,982</b>	<b>\$ (85)</b>	<b>0%</b>	

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