

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2008/09 BUDGET

AGENCY 13 BUILDINGS AND SAFETY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Buildings and Safety Engineering Department provides for the safety, health and welfare of the general public as it pertains to buildings and their environs in an efficient, cost-effective, user-friendly and professional manner.

DESCRIPTION

The Buildings and Safety Engineering Department enforces zoning, maintenance, construction ordinances that regulate the erection, alteration, use and maintenance of new and existing buildings and structures. The Department issues permits and monitors construction and use through inspection services.

The Buildings and Safety Engineering Department is the public agency responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the various codes regulating construction, property maintenance and the demolition of structures. The enforcement authority for zoning ordinances also resides with the department. Additionally, the Business License Center is responsible for the general business licenses including taxicab bonds, monitoring and meter operating conditions.

GOALS

1. Ensure administration and enforcement of applicable building and zoning codes, and related federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including meeting state mandates to assure all structures within the City of Detroit meet or exceed minimum standards.
2. Maintain the stability and safety of neighborhoods by enforcing the property maintenance code and other related ordinances.
3. Promote peace and safety of the general public by enforcing zoning codes, conditions and other relevant regulations.
4. Continue to increase the level of customer service to best meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Detroit.
5. Operate the department in a fiscally responsible manner to provide for a lower cost of government and pave the way to the Next Detroit.
6. Build and maintain a high-performance organization that is in alliance with the Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative.
7. Reduce the number of vacant and dangerous structures within the City of Detroit.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	ENTERPRISE <u>FUND</u>	BLOCK <u>GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$30,598,138	\$5,163,017	\$35,761,155
REVENUES	<u>30,598,138</u>	<u>5,163,017</u>	<u>35,761,155</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
POSITIONS	303	31	334