

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2011/12 BUDGET

## AGENCY 13 BUILDINGS AND SAFETY ENGINEERING and ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

### MISSION

The Buildings and Safety Environmental Department is the city's Environmental Affairs Department. BSE safeguards public health, safety and welfare by enforcing construction, property maintenance, environmental compliance and zoning codes, which will preserve and enhance property values and promote a quality of life to make Detroit a preferred place to reside and conduct business.

### DESCRIPTION

The Buildings and Safety Environmental Department employs a cadre of State Certified Trade Inspectors, Plan Reviewers, Engineers, Administrative and Operational Staff Personnel who collectively:

- Facilitate Zoning Review process prior to the establishment of new uses in all zoning districts.
- Perform Plan Review of construction documents for new construction, alteration or rehabilitation of existing structures.
- Issue Building and Trade Permits for construction and demolition.
- Perform Pre-Sale Inspections of one and two family dwellings prior to sale as required by law.
- Perform Annual Inspections of all structures required by the Property Maintenance Code.
- Aggressively combat blight by issuing blight violations and proactively barricading dangerous structures.
- Facilitate the Demolition process for obsolete, damaged and/or abandoned buildings that pose an imminent danger to the public.
- Provide assistance to the business community through the services of the Business License Center.
- Manage and serve as custodian of Insurance Escrow Accounts.
- Provide Record Maintenance, Storage, Retrieval and Retention of construction archives and document plans and permits for structures within the city.

### GOALS

1. Assist with environmental compliance requirements of city departments.
2. Foster legislative and regulatory initiatives that will help the city meet its environmental objectives.
3. Ensure administration and enforcement of applicable building and zoning codes, and related federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, to assure all structures within the City meet or exceed minimum standards.
4. Maintain the stability and safety of neighborhoods by enforcing the property maintenance code, Special Land Use Conditions and other related ordinances.
5. Promote peace and safety of the general public by enforcing zoning codes, conditions and other relevant regulations.
6. Reduce the number of vacant and dangerous structures within the City of Detroit.
7. Establish compliance of local businesses with federal, state and local laws, in order to promote a healthy local economy.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	BLOCK GRANT	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$1,052,226	\$22,436,172	\$2,728,432	\$26,216,830
REVENUES	<u>2,068,000</u>	<u>22,436,172</u>	<u>2,728,432</u>	<u>27,232,604</u>
NET TAX COST	\$1,015,774	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,015,774
 POSITIONS	 12	 209	 23	 244