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## **SECTION – 10**

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

*To maintain and improve the quality of life through fair and equitable enforcement of health, safety and nuisance codes.*

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## DESCRIPTION

**Code Enforcement** is responsible for enforcing City codes to keep neighborhoods safe and healthy by reducing blight and nuisances. Enforcement activities within Code Enforcement include those related to junk and debris, abandoned vehicles, zoning, graffiti, dangerous and substandard structures, rental housing inspections, vectors, and environmental health. The Code Enforcement Department also provides incident response to catastrophic events on a 24-hour basis and enforcement for business related activities such as tobacco retailer licensing, entertainment permits and taxi cabs.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please see the following for more information about the Code Enforcement Department:

**Web site** - <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code>

## PROGRAMS/SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

The Code Enforcement Department provides services to maintain the health and safety of neighborhoods, including:

- Response to nuisance property and zoning complaints within 10–14 days.
- The towing of abandoned vehicles within 10–14 days.
- Response to complaints on dangerous and substandard properties, which are handled within 1-2 weeks.
- Response to immediately dangerous structures, properties, or vehicles with potential threat to health and safety are handled within 24 hours.
- Monitoring a growing number of reported vacant buildings which have increased at an alarming rate.

## OBJECTIVES FOR FY2008/09

- Implement the Residential Rental Housing Inspection Program aimed at early prevention of deteriorating neighborhoods and preservation and maintenance of healthy and safe rental housing.
- Develop a master plan for the Code Enforcement Department.
- Monitor the growing number of vacant buildings in the City in accordance with the revised vacant building ordinance.
- Establish geographic information systems (GIS) support necessary for Code Enforcement case management, continuation of proactive rental inspections, and managing performance trends.
- Continue to deliver the graffiti prevention program, “The Fall of X”, aimed at school-aged youth, bringing live performances to students illustrating the negative consequences related to graffiti vandalism.

**PROPOSED BUDGET/STAFFING CHANGES**

Service Level Impacts

The Code Enforcement Department will be reduced by \$1,243,800, including the unfunding of 12.0 FTE positions. These reductions will result in the following service level impacts:

Neighborhood Code Compliance

- Reduction of 5.0 FTE will result in an increased workload and increased time for case processing.
- Nuisance properties will take longer to clean up and abandoned vehicles will remain for longer periods of time. Response times increase from 3-5 days to 10-14 days.

Business Compliance

- Reduction of 3.0 FTE will eliminate proactive enforcement for business activities including somatic practitioners, arcades, billiards, and illegal outdoor vending. Response will occur on a complaint basis.
- Staff support for accounting, business compliance hearings, procurement, and other administrative functions will be shifted among other administrative personnel.
- Vendors will experience increased time in processing contracts and payments, and businesses filing for appeals will experience longer periods of time to process appeals and schedule hearings.

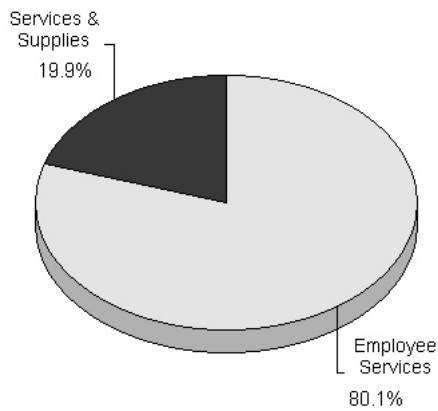
Housing and Dangerous Buildings

- Reduction of 4.0 FTE will result in an increased workload and increased time for case processing.
- Nuisance properties will take longer to secure and substandard properties will remain in disrepair for longer periods. Response time increases from 3-5 days to 1-2 weeks.

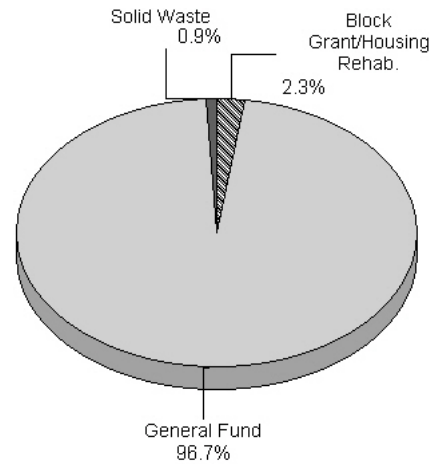
Department Budget Summary

| <b>Code Enforcement</b><br>Budget Summary       | FY<br>2006/07<br>Actual | FY<br>2007/08<br>Approved | FY<br>2007/08<br>Amended | FY<br>2008/09<br>Proposed | Change<br>More/(Less)<br>Proposed/Amended |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Positions (FTE)                                 | 94.00                   | 92.00                     | 106.50                   | 106.50                    | 0.00                                      |
| <b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>                    |                         |                           |                          |                           |   |
| Employee Services                               | 7,454,511               | 7,710,546                 | 7,692,987                | 8,578,248                 | 885,261                                   |
| Services & Supplies                             | 2,086,496               | 2,060,705                 | 2,060,705                | 2,128,023                 | 67,318                                    |
| Equipment                                       | 240,710                 | 0                         | 0                        | 0                         | 0   |
| <b>Total:</b>                                   | <b>9,781,717</b>        | <b>9,771,251</b>          | <b>9,753,692</b>         | <b>10,706,271</b>         | <b>952,579</b>                            |
| <b>Funding Summary by Fund/Special District</b> |                         |                           |                          |                           |   |
| Block Grant/Housing Rehab.                      | 250,000                 | 250,000                   | 250,000                  | 250,000                   | 0   |
| Development Services                            | 56,395                  | 0                         | 0                        | 0                         | 0   |
| General Fund                                    | 9,187,183               | 9,332,877                 | 9,315,318                | 10,356,271                | 1,040,953                                 |
| Solid Waste                                     | 288,139                 | 188,374                   | 188,374                  | 100,000                   | (88,374)                                  |
| <b>Total:</b>                                   | <b>9,781,717</b>        | <b>9,771,251</b>          | <b>9,753,692</b>         | <b>10,706,271</b>         | <b>952,579</b>                            |

**Budgeted Expenditures - FY09**



**Funding Summary - FY09**



Division Budget Summary

| <b>Code Enforcement</b><br>Division Budgets | FY<br>2006/07<br>Actual | FY<br>2007/08<br>Approved | FY<br>2007/08<br>Amended | FY<br>2008/09<br>Proposed | Change<br>More/(Less)<br>Proposed/Amended |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Code Enforcement                            | 9,781,717               | 9,771,251                 | 9,753,692                | 10,706,271                | 952,579                                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                               | <b>9,781,717</b>        | <b>9,771,251</b>          | <b>9,753,692</b>         | <b>10,706,271</b>         | <b>952,579</b>                            |

Staffing Levels

| <b>Code Enforcement</b><br>Division FTEs | FY<br>2006/07<br>Actual | FY<br>2007/08<br>Approved | FY<br>2007/08<br>Amended | FY<br>2008/09<br>Proposed | Change<br>More/(Less)<br>Proposed/Amended |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Code Enforcement                         | 94.00                   | 92.00                     | 106.50                   | 106.50                    | 0.00                                      |
| <b>Total:</b>                            | <b>94.00</b>            | <b>92.00</b>              | <b>106.50</b>            | <b>106.50</b>             | <b>0.00</b>                               |

