

# DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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## 2010 Goals

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1. The primary goal for Weights & Measures is to continue our efforts of ensuring equity in the marketplace. The importance of ensuring the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices can best be illustrated by example:
  - A Deli scale that weighs 1 oz. over or under weight (with an assumed average of 100 purchases per day @ \$2.00 per pound) will result in a \$4,500+ annual loss for the business or their customers.  
A single gasoline pump that delivers 5 cubic inches (about 5 tablespoons) per gallon over or under volume (with assumed average sales) can result in a \$5,000+ annual loss for the business or their customers.
2. To ensure continuing commitment to our primary goal, and in a culture of ever evolving standards and devices, currency in training must be maintained. It is therefore our goal to use every opportunity to seek out cost effective training. There are eighteen different training modules approved by the National Institute of Standards and Technology regarding enforcement rules and for conducting various weights and measures device inspections. Correct, consistent, and fair enforcement of weights and measures laws require both initial and continuing education of inspectors, and it is our goal to complete at least one module per year for each inspector.

## Services Provided

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- Inspect all commercial weighing and measuring devices within the City, such as vehicle and computing scales, gasoline pumps, taximeters, commercial and prescription scales.
- Inspect packaged goods sold within the City by weight, measure, or count, or marked for weight, measure, or count.
- Act as an agent for the Board of Public Safety, processing and issuing taxi driver licenses and vehicle permits.
- Inspect taxicabs for compliance with Taxi Ordinance and Board of Safety Rules and Regulations.
- Enforce state codes and city ordinances that apply to weights and measures.
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 Dept # 0007 - 0100  
 2010 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2009	2009 REVISED BUDGET	2010 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2009 APPR	% CHANGE FROM 2009 APPR TO 2010
5111 TOTAL WAGES	123,234		123,467	125,130	1,663	1.35%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	8,627		8,938	9,698	760	
5132 FICA	9,128		9,431	9,572	141	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	27,000		27,000	29,700	2,700	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	120		123	125	2	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	2,059		2,087	1,845	(242)	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	3,697		3,698	3,755	57	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	9,000		9,000	9,900	900	
<b>Total 5100</b>	<b>\$182,865</b>	<b>\$91,085</b>	<b>\$183,744</b>	<b>\$189,725</b>	<b>\$5,981</b>	<b>3.26%</b>
5212 STATIONERY & PRINTED FORMS	-		100	-	(100)	
5214 SAFETY ITEMS/SUPPLIES	348		325	350	25	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,057		400	210	(190)	
5231 GASOLINE	3,149		2,031	3,256	1,225	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	106		700	470	(230)	
529C BUNKER GEAR/UNIFORMS	478		400	500	100	
<b>Total 5200</b>	<b>\$5,138</b>	<b>\$1,478</b>	<b>\$3,956</b>	<b>\$4,786</b>	<b>\$830</b>	<b>20.98%</b>
531K SEMINAR FEES	270		-	-	-	
5322 POSTAGE	80		240	120	(120)	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	274		276	276	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	2,562		-	-	-	
532C CELL PHONE	1,159		1,200	1,176	(24)	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	41		60	60	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	715		400	-	(400)	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	451		1,046	1,451	405	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	76		4,380	177	(4,203)	
536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	1,100		1,133	3,447	2,314	
5371 BUILDING RENTAL	440		444	444	-	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	-		40	40	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	405		390	315	(75)	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	717		480	456	(24)	
539B MASTER LEASE	7,803		8,636	11,240	2,604	
<b>Total 5300</b>	<b>\$16,092</b>	<b>\$4,905</b>	<b>\$18,725</b>	<b>\$19,202</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
<b>Total 5400</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,094</b>	<b>\$97,468</b>	<b>\$206,425</b>	<b>\$213,713</b>	<b>\$7,288</b>	<b>3.53%</b>