

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Department of Weights & Measures mission is that of ensuring equity in the marketplace for both merchants and consumers. The department is responsible for the testing and inspection of all commercial weighing and measuring devices, enforcing the City Ordinance regarding taxicab operations, enforcing the City Weights and Measures Ordinance, and enforcing State Codes governing Weights and Measures.

The principal duty of our Department is to test, certify, and seal correct devices, or order correction of and/or condemn or confiscate faulty devices or commodities offered for sale by weight or count. Our department is also involved in the licensing of taxi drivers, and assuring compliance with vehicle regulations for taxicab permits.

In our 2009-2010 reporting year, 30,125 inspections were performed. Specialized equipment, personnel, and efficient use of resources have all played a roll in the accomplishment of our mission. Package auditing contributed significantly to the number of inspections for the 2009-2010 reporting year. The numbers for this type of inspection activity have increased dramatically from previous reporting periods and are directly attributable to the addition of our third employee.

2011 Goals

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

- 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 the Taxi Ordinance and Board of Safety Rules and Regulations.
- Enforce state codes and city ordinances that apply to weights and measures.
- Order correction of, or condemn, or confiscate faulty devices or commodities that are sold by weight and count.
- Prepare monthly and annual reports for the Fire Chief, Board of Public Safety, and the State Weights and Measures Division.

City of Fort Wayne 2009-2010 State Reporting Statistics

<u>INSPECTION ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>REJECTED</u>	<u>CONFISCATED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SCALES:				
Vehicle- County	47	5	0	52
Vehicle – State	0	0	0	0
Livestock	2	0	0	2
Portable & Dormant	241	17	0	258
Hopper	7	0	0	7
Computing	1471	47	0	1,518
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Prescription	73	2	0	75
Gram Scales	3	0	0	3
Miscellaneous	30	4	0	34
MEASURING DEVICES:				
High Flow Diesel Meter	59	5	0	64
Mass Flow Meters	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Truck Meters	11	10	0	21
Gasoline, Kerosene Diesel Meter	5,184	290	0	5,474
Timing Devices	416	8	0	424
Taxi Meters	60	0	0	60
LP Gas Meters	0	0	0	0
CALIBRATIONS AND TEST:				
Test Weights	0	0	0	0
Commercial Weights	0	0	0	0
Prescription Weights	0	0	0	0
Liquid Measures	0	0	0	0
Linear Measures	0	0	0	0
Standard Containers	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
OTHER ACTIVITIES:				
Packages Checked	21,150	853	0	22,003
Octane samples	0	0	0	0
Misc. Determinations	130	0	0	130
GRAND TOTAL:	28,884	1,241	0	30,125

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 Dept # 0007
 2011 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2010	2010 REVISED BUDGET	2011 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2010 APPR	% CHANGE FROM 2010 APPR TO 2011
5111 TOTAL WAGES	123,241		124,514	125,759	1,245	1.00%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	8,935		9,650	10,690	1,040	
5132 FICA	8,822		9,525	9,621	96	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	27,000		29,700	30,600	900	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	123		125	126	1	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	2,087		1,845	2,080	235	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	3,697		3,735	3,772	37	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	9,000		9,900	10,200	300	
Total 5100	\$182,905	\$94,046	\$188,994	\$192,848	\$3,854	2.04%
5214 SAFETY ITEMS/SUPPLIES	324		350	350	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	310		210	210	-	
5231 GASOLINE	2,194		3,256	3,344	88	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	604		470	600	130	
529C BUNKER GEAR/UNIFORMS	468		500	700	200	
Total 5200	\$3,900	\$1,640	\$4,786	\$5,204	\$418	8.73%
5322 POSTAGE	107		120	120	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	275		276	276	-	
532C CELL PHONE	1,096		1,176	1,176	-	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	38		60	60	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	864		-	-	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,046		1,451	3,149	1,698	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	88		177	744	567	
536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	1,133		3,447	3,592	145	
5371 BUILDING RENTAL	440		444	444	-	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	-		40	40	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	390		315	315	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	815		456	348	(108)	
539B MASTER LEASE	8,437		11,240	11,240	-	
Total 5300	\$14,729	\$10,854	\$19,202	\$21,504	\$2,302	11.99%
Total 5400	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Total	\$201,534	\$106,540	\$212,982	\$219,556	\$6,574	3.09%

Weights & Measures 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program

<u>FUNDING SOURCE CODE:</u>	GRP-Grant Pending	PT-Property Tax
CC-Cumulative Capital Fund	LE-Lease	RB-Revenue Bond
CDBG-Community Development Block Grant	InfraBd-Infrastructure Bond	ST-State Source
CEDIT-Co. Economic Development Income Tax	LRS-Local Roads & Streets	SU-Sewer Utility
CO-County Source	MISC-Miscellaneous	SWU-Stormwater Utility
FED-Federal Source	MVH-Motor Vehicle Highway	TIF-Tax Increment Financing
GOB-General Obligation Bond	PCBF-Park Cumulative Bldg. Fund	UF-User Fee
GRA-Grant Approved	PS-Private Source	WU-Water Utility

Item #	Project Title & Description	Funding Source	Expenditure				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1	Replace Older Volumetric Testing Unit	PT	-	-	15,500	-	-
TOTAL			-	-	15,500	-	-