

# DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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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.

Our department has experienced increased productivity in the number of inspections performed. In the 2006-2007 reporting year, we conducted 20,469 inspections. In the 2007-2008 reporting year, 28,799 inspections were performed. Specialized equipment, the addition of a third full-time employee in 2007, and efficient use of resources have all contributed in the accomplishment of our mission. Package auditing contributed 69% of the inspections for the 2007-2008 reporting year (up from 60% in 2006-2007.) The numbers for this type of inspection activity have increased dramatically since the 2005-2006 reporting year and are directly attributable to the addition of our third employee.

## **2009 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. With the addition of new testing equipment, it is our goal to test all high flow diesel fuel meters on an annual basis. In previous years, these inspections were “hit and miss” at best, as we were held to one week of potential testing via scheduled access to State apparatus.
3. 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 one new 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, standard containers, commercial and prescription weights, and liquid and linear measures.
- 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.
- 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 2007-2008 State Reporting Statistics

<u>INSPECTION ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>CORRECT</u>	<u>REJECTED</u>	<u>CONFISCATED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>SCALES:</b>				
Vehicle- County	38	2	0	40
Vehicle – State	0	0	0	0
Livestock	2	0	0	2
Portable & Dormant	178	12	0	190
Hopper	9	0	0	9
Computing	1,072	43	0	1,115
Suspension	1	0	0	1
Prescription	71	2	0	73
Gram Scales	11	2	0	13
Miscellaneous	4	0	0	4
<b>MEASURING DEVICES:</b>				
High Flow Diesel Meter	62	1	0	63
Mass Flow Meters	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Truck Meters	0	0	0	0
Gasoline, Kerosene Diesel Meter	6,123	239	0	6,362
Timing Devices	378	4	0	382
Taxi Meters	33	0	0	33
LP Gas Meters	0	0	0	0
<b>CALIBRATIONS AND TEST:</b>				
Test Weights	0	0	0	0
Commercial Weights	12	0	0	12
Prescription Weights	331	4	0	335
Liquid Measures	0	0	0	0
Linear Measures	46	0	0	46
Standard Containers	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Packages Checked	19,612	278	0	19,890
Octane samples	0	0	0	0
Misc. Determinations	217	12	0	229
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,799</b>

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 2009 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2008	2008 REVISED BUDGET	2009 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2008 APPR	% CHANGE FROM 2008 APPR TO 2009
5111 TOTAL WAGES	115,704		119,822	125,032	5,210	4.35%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	7,275		8,388	9,072	684	
5132 FICA	8,607		9,166	9,572	406	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	25,500		27,000	27,000	-	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	115		120	125	5	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	1,728		2,059	2,087	28	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	3,492		3,595	3,754	159	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	8,500		9,000	9,000	-	
<b>Total 5100</b>	<b>\$170,921</b>	<b>\$91,595</b>	<b>\$179,150</b>	<b>\$185,642</b>	<b>\$6,492</b>	<b>3.62%</b>
5212 STATIONERY & PRINTED FORMS	-		100	100	-	
5214 SAFETY ITEMS/SUPPLIES	324		325	325	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	949		400	400	-	
5231 GASOLINE	2,433		2,500	2,500	-	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	277		700	700	-	
529C BUNKER GEAR/UNIFORMS	1,365		400	400	-	
<b>Total 5200</b>	<b>\$5,347</b>	<b>\$2,530</b>	<b>\$4,425</b>	<b>\$4,425</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
531K SEMINAR FEES	270		300	-	(300)	
5322 POSTAGE	86		240	240	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	273		276	276	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	2,312		2,800	-	(2,800)	
5326 MILEAGE	225		-	-	-	
532C CELL PHONE	1,212		1,260	1,200	(60)	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	34		60	60	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	1,466		400	400	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	406		451	1,046	595	
5363 CONTRACTED OTHER EQUIPMT REPAI	386		420	-	(420)	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	452		5,400	4,380	(1,020)	
536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	-		1,100	1,133	33	
5371 BUILDING RENTAL	440		444	444	-	
5377 CC BUILDING PARKING	20		20	40	20	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	300		390	390	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	878		480	480	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	7,154		7,803	8,636	833	
<b>Total 5300</b>	<b>\$15,914</b>	<b>\$10,298</b>	<b>\$21,844</b>	<b>\$18,725</b>	<b>(\$3,119)</b>	<b>- 14.28%</b>
5444 PURCHASE OF OTHER EQUIPMENT	28,872		-	-	-	
<b>Total 5400</b>	<b>\$28,872</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$221,054</b>	<b>\$104,423</b>	<b>\$205,419</b>	<b>\$208,792</b>	<b>\$3,373</b>	<b>1.64%</b>



**STAFFING LEVELS**  
**BUDGETED**  
**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

CLASSIFICATION TITLE	EXEMPT GRID/ UNION															
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Weights & Measures Inspector	G	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Weights & Measures Deputy Inspector	IAM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	