

# 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.

In our 2011-2012 reporting year, 30,209 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 2011-2012 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.

## 2013 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. Correct, consistent, and fair enforcement of weights and measures laws require both initial and continuing education of inspectors, and it is our goal to stay current with course materials available to us through our membership in the National Conference of Weights and Measures.

## 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 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, measure, or 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>
<b>SCALES:</b>				
Vehicle- County	51	8	0	59
Railroad	3	1	0	4
Livestock	2	0	0	2
Portable & Dormant	186	5	0	191
Hopper	28	8	0	36
Computing	894	76	0	970
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Prescription	99	3	0	102
Gram Scales	1	0	0	1
Miscellaneous	41	4	0	45
<b>MEASURING DEVICES:</b>				
High Flow Diesel Meter	78	3	0	81
Mass Flow Meters	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Truck Meters	18	3	0	21
Gasoline, Kerosene, & Diesel Meters	5,789	344	0	6,133
Timing Devices	462	32	0	494
Taxi Meters	91	3	0	94
LP Gas Meters	0	0	0	0
<b>CALIBRATIONS AND TEST:</b>				
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
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Packages Checked	21,145	598	0	21,743
Octane samples	0	0	0	0
Misc. Determinations	212	21	0	233
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>29,100</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,209</b>

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 2013 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 ACTUAL THRU 30-Jun-2012	2012 REVISED BUDGET	2013 SUBMITTED	\$ INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM 2012 REVISED	% CHANGE FROM 2012 REV TO 2013
5111 TOTAL WAGES	126,278		126,143	128,666	2,523	2.00%
5131 PERF - EMPLOYERS SHARE	10,734		12,614	12,867	253	
5132 FICA	9,423		9,650	9,843	193	
5134 LIFE MEDICAL & HEALTH INSURAN	30,600		35,400	35,400	-	
5136 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	126		126	129	3	
5137 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	2,080		1,611	1,390	(221)	
513A PERF - EMPLOYEES/PD BY CITY	3,788		3,784	3,860	76	
513R RETIREES HEALTH INSURANCE	10,200		11,800	23,600	11,800	
<b>Total 5100</b>	<b>\$193,229</b>	<b>\$100,393</b>	<b>\$201,128</b>	<b>\$215,755</b>	<b>\$14,627</b>	<b>7.27%</b>
5214 SAFETY ITEMS/SUPPLIES	192		350	350	-	
5219 OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	224		300	300	-	
5231 GASOLINE	3,537		3,930	4,510	580	
5299 OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	707		600	600	-	
529C BUNKER GEAR/UNIFORMS	559		700	700	-	
<b>Total 5200</b>	<b>\$5,220</b>	<b>\$2,476</b>	<b>\$5,880</b>	<b>\$6,460</b>	<b>\$580</b>	<b>9.86%</b>
5322 POSTAGE	131		120	120	-	
5323 TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH	335		-	-	-	
5324 TRAVEL EXPENSES	-		-	600	600	
532C CELL PHONE	842		900	900	-	
532L LONG DISTANCE CHARGES	14		-	-	-	
5331 PRINTING OTHER THAN OFFC SUPPL	282		300	300	-	
5342 LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,149		1,450	1,024	(426)	
536N GARAGE CONTRACT - NONTARGET	5		247	244	(3)	
536T GARAGE CONTRACT - TARGET	3,592		3,700	4,881	1,181	
5371 BUILDING RENTAL	440		444	444	-	
5391 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DUES	315		315	315	-	
5399 OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	476		360	360	-	
539B MASTER LEASE	11,206		8,406	5,606	(2,800)	
<b>Total 5300</b>	<b>\$20,786</b>	<b>\$9,737</b>	<b>\$16,242</b>	<b>\$14,794</b>	<b>(\$1,448)</b>	<b>- 8.92%</b>
5444 PURCHASE OF OTHER EQUIPMENT	-		-	14,500	14,500	
<b>Total 5400</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$219,234</b>	<b>\$112,606</b>	<b>\$223,250</b>	<b>\$251,509</b>	<b>\$28,259</b>	<b>12.66%</b>

**Weights & Measures 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program**

<b>FUNDING SOURCE CODE:</b>	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				
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Alpha Card ID system for taxi license applicants	PT	3,500	-	-	-	-
2	New fuel storage tank & ball joints for 1995 unit	PT	11,000	-	-	-	-
3	Replace Older Volumetric Testing Unit	PT	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>