

Department of Weights and Measures-Consumer Protection

2023 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

- Enforcement of County Consumer Protection Code
- Investigate and Mediate Consumer Complaints
- Consumer Education and Outreach
- Licensing of Home Improvement Contractors
- Testing of Weighing and Measuring Devices as Mandated Under State Law
- Administer and Assist in the Licensing of the Plumbing and Electrical Trades
- Citizen Participation - Citizen's Consumer Advisory Council
- Respond and Assist other County Departments During Declared Emergencies (such as Department of Health)

Budget Summary

ITEM	2022	2023
Operating Positions	23	23
Trust Positions		
TOTAL POSITIONS	23	23
Personal Service	1,895,251	1,904,252
Equipment	8,000	8,000
Materials & Supplies	55,205	58,000
Contractual Expenses	181,300	58,600
Inter-Departmental Charges	348,046	352,050
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,487,802	2,380,902

Budget Summary

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Inter-Departmental Revenue		
Departmental Revenue	3,689,100	3,847,450
State & Federal Aid		
TOTAL REVENUE	3,689,100	3,847,450
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	(1,201,298)	(1,466,548)

New Initiatives & Highlights

- Continuing Review of Consumer Protection Code – Focusing on Strengthening the Code to Better Reflect Today’s Marketplace.
- Continuing to Raise Consumer Awareness by Expansion of Social Media Accounts and Weekly Radio Program.
- Increased Outreach to Underserved Communities.
- Continuing Policy Updates and Procedure Reviews of Trades Licensing Boards (Plumbing and Electrical Licensing).
- Outreach Education Initiative with New Businesses – in Particular Charge Card Surcharges.
- Continuing to Assist Consumers with Pandemic Related Complaints.