

Department of Weights and Measures - Consumer Protection

2025 Executive Proposed Budget

Core Programs & Functions

- Enforcement of the 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 New York State Law
- Administer and Assist in the Licensing of the Plumbing and Electrical Trades
- Licensing of Dealers of Secondhand Goods
- Enforcement of the Lithium-ion Battery Law
- Citizen Participation - Citizen's Consumer Advisory Council

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Operating Positions	23	23
Trust Positions		
TOTAL POSITIONS	23	23
Personal Service	2,019,524	2,081,003
Equipment	8,000	8,000
Materials & Supplies	63,000	63,000
Contractual Expenses	99,102	108,000
Inter-Departmental Charges	380,801	433,449
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,570,427	2,693,452

Budget Summary

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Inter-Departmental Revenue		
Departmental Revenue	4,059,400	4,319,500
State & Federal Aid		
TOTAL REVENUE	4,059,400	4,319,500
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	(1,488,973)	(1,626,048)

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- Continuing Review of the 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 Speaking Engagements, and Work to Increase Outreach to Underserved Communities.
- Continuing Policy Updates and Procedure Reviews of Trades Licensing Boards (Plumbing and Electrical Licensing).
- Outreach Education Initiative with New and Existing Businesses – Such as Credit Card Surcharges, the Lithium Ion Battery Law and Secondhand Goods Dealers.
- Continuing to Assist Consumers with Business and Ever-Changing Digital/Electronic/Cyber Related Complaints.
- Review Consumer Protection Laws and Policies throughout the State and Nation to see if such reforms can be incorporated into our County Laws.