

**DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION  
ZONING APPEALS BOARD (51)**

**MISSION**

As a quasi-judicial body, the Board of Zoning appeals hears and rules on appeals from any person, aggrieved by a decision of an enforcing officer or any decision made by the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department where rigid enforcement could cause the appellant undue hardship.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Board conducts investigations and public hearings to determine whether variances, exceptions or modifications of approved regulated uses of land will be in the best interest of the public and that the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance is upheld.

The Board of Zoning Appeals' primary role is to hear and decide appeals from and review any order, requirement, decision or determination made in the enforcement of the City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance. The Board has certain discretionary powers in making its decisions to comply with the powers granted to it by the local zoning ordinance and State Enabling Act. Any adjustment or reversal must conform to the provisions of the zoning ordinance and provide neighborhood and commercial stabilization.

**MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR  
FY 2011-12**

The Department is currently working with the City Planning Commission to conclude the comprehensive amendments to the City's new Zoning Ordinance.

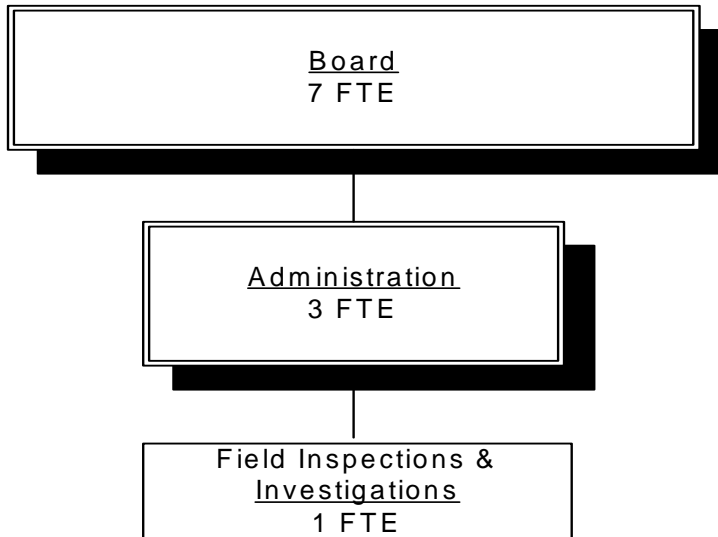
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**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR  
FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14 and BEYOND**

The Department will continually work collectively with the City Planning Commission to work on amendments to the new City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance.

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**EXPENDITURES**

	2010-11 Actual Expense	2011-12 Redbook	2012-13 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Salary & Wages	\$ 415,572	\$ 317,882	\$ 234,268	\$ (83,614)	-26%
Employee Benefits	294,082	298,487	208,803	(89,684)	-30%
Prof/Contractual	13,463	27,000	93,178	66,178	245%
Operating Supplies	3,462	3,000	3,000	0	0%
Operating Services	46,563	61,974	65,937	3,963	6%
Capital Equipment	792	0	0	0	0%
Other Expenses	601	1,380	1,380	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 774,535</b>	<b>\$ 709,723</b>	<b>\$ 606,566</b>	<b>\$ (103,157)</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>POSITIONS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25%</b>

**REVENUES**

	2010-11 Actual Revenue	2011-12 Redbook	2012-13 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Sales & Charges	\$ 93,574	\$ 105,000	\$ 96,417	(8,583)	-8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 93,574</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 96,417</b>	<b>(8,583)</b>	<b>-8%</b>

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