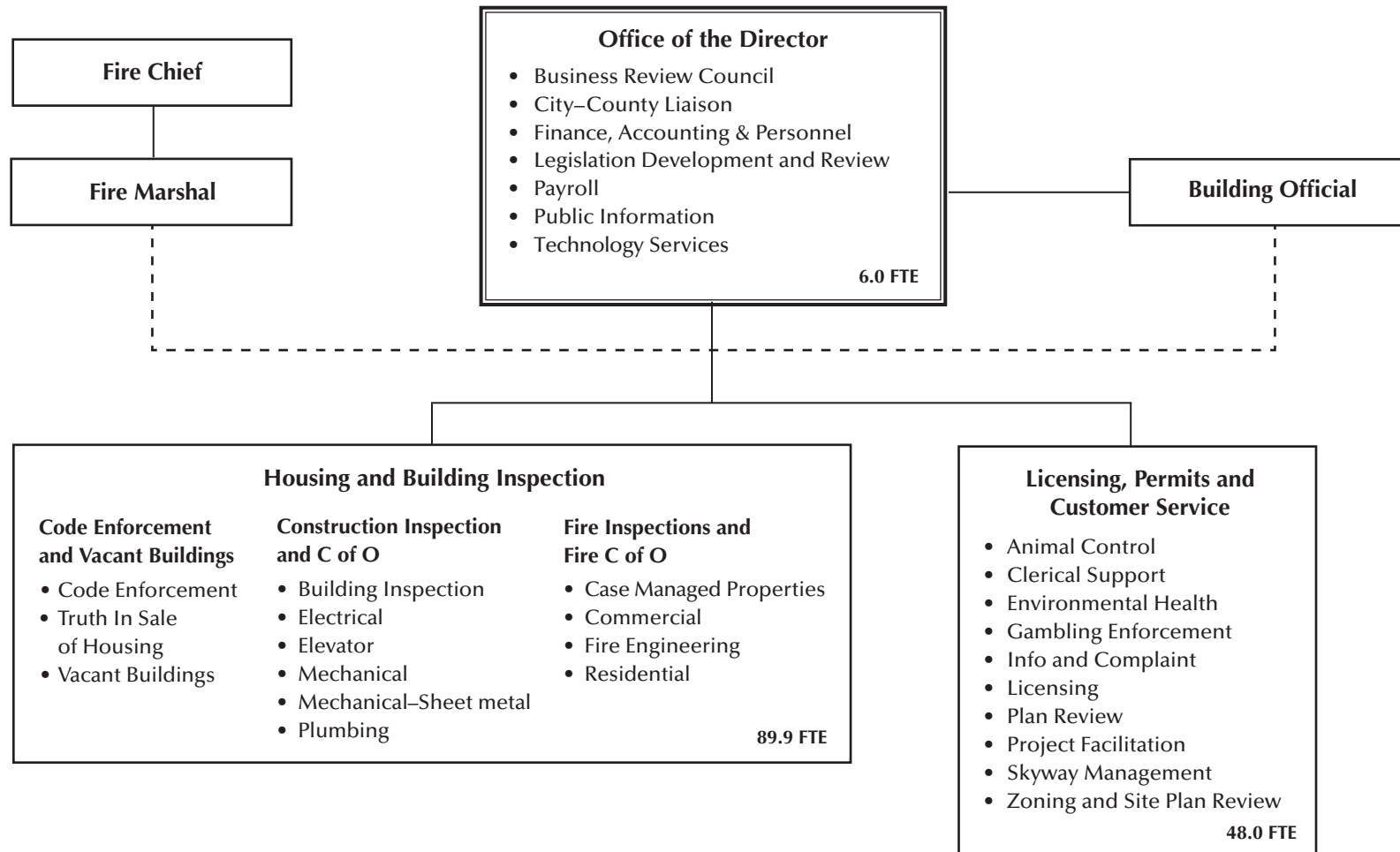


Safety and Inspections

*To preserve and improve the quality of life in Saint Paul by protecting
and promoting public health and safety for all*



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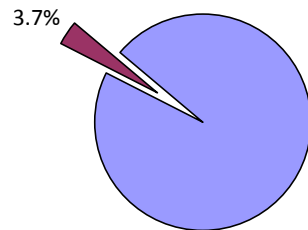
2010 Adopted Budget

Safety and Inspections (DSI)

Department Description:

The Department of Safety and Inspections was created in 2007 by bringing together the three main autonomous enforcement agencies of the City: the Office of License, Inspections and Environmental Protection (LIEP), the Department of Neighborhood Housing and Property Improvement (NHPI), and the Fire Inspection division of the Department of Fire and Safety Services. The purpose of the consolidation was to improve services, reduce costs, and coordinate all enforcement responsibilities in the City in a single location with good customer access. The department supports 12 distinct, and two shared responsibilities (Heritage Preservation and Zoning with the Department of Planning and Economic Development). These responsibilities include: 1) Animal Control, 2) Construction Inspection, 3) Code Enforcement, 4) Environmental Health, 5) Fire Inspection, 6) Information & Complaints, 7) Business Licensing, 8) Construction Plan Review, 9) Site Plan Review, 10) Project Facilitation for new businesses and expansions, 11) Vacant Buildings, 12) Zoning and Sign Enforcement, 13) Truth in the Sale of Housing, and 14) Heritage Preservation.

Safety & Inspection's Portion of General Fund Spending



Department Facts

- Total General Fund Budget: \$7,176,195
- Total Special Fund Budget: \$13,096,505
- Total FTEs: 143.9
- Conducted more than 56,000 construction and 11,500 code enforcement inspections.
- Issued 8,200 business licenses and 10,200 Competency Cards.
- Received and referred more than 31,000 citizen complaints.
- Managed more than 2000 vacant buildings and demolished 95 nuisance structures.
- Issued 7,612 Summary Abatements and Impounded 1,134 dogs.
- Inspected and certified 4,391 residential rental and 1,484 commercial structure.

Department Goals

- Reoccupy vacant housing
- Make one and two unit rental housing safe
- Make it easier to open or expand a business in Saint Paul

Recent Accomplishments

- Responded to significant revenue challenges by reducing staff and consolidating the five separate divisions of the Department into two divisions which are designed to increase operating efficiency and improve internal coordination and customer service.
- Implemented the Vacant Building Code Compliance repair ordinance which resulted in significant physical improvement and occupancy of more than 800 vacant housing structures in 2008.
- Created a single call center and one number to dial, 266-8989, for information and complaints for all City services.
- Implemented a foreclosure notification and landlord rental property training requirement through the Fire Certificate of Occupancy program.
- Implemented, in cooperation with the Department of Planning and Economic Development, design criteria for "infill" housing.
- Consolidated the three separate physical offices of the department into one single location downtown at 375 Jackson Street.
- Initiated a series of bi-weekly training sessions for all DSI staff to begin the process of cross training and to learn about the details of each of the 14 specialties that are the responsibility of the department.
- Provided permit, environmental health, fire safety, and vacant building services prior to and during the 2008 Republican National Convention.

Safety & Inspections

Department/Office Director: **ROBERT W KESSLER**

	2007 2nd Prior Exp. & Enc.	2008 Last Year Exp. & Enc.	2009 Adopted	2010 Mayor's Proposed	2010 Council Adopted	Change from Mayor's Proposed	2009 Adopted
<u>Spending By Unit</u>							
001 GENERAL FUND	6,039,529	6,919,551	6,955,635	7,127,685	7,176,195	48,510	220,560
040 PROPERTY CODE ENFORCEMENT	891,548	1,794,953	1,851,138	2,217,114	2,217,114		365,976
167 CHARITABLE GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT	137,190	97,765	103,058	118,236	118,236		15,178
320 LICENSE INSPECTIONS & ENV PROTECTIO	10,926,344	13,062,181	10,978,919	10,750,255	10,750,255		-228,664
736 FIRE PROTECTION CLOTHING	6,685	10,397	10,900	10,900	10,900		
Total Spending by Unit	18,001,297	21,884,847	19,899,650	20,224,190	20,272,700	48,510	373,050
<u>Spending By Major Object</u>							
SALARIES	9,626,934	10,318,511	10,458,990	9,706,663	9,743,047	36,384	-715,943
SERVICES	3,910,564	6,493,877	4,280,053	5,180,660	5,180,660		900,607
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	278,683	510,459	291,041	346,728	346,728		55,687
EMPLOYER FRINGE BENEFITS	3,622,225	4,083,468	3,670,105	3,887,901	3,900,027	12,126	229,922
MISC TRANSFER CONTINGENCY ETC	547,318	449,853	1,182,132	1,073,118	1,073,118		-109,014
DEBT							
STREET SEWER BRIDGE ETC IMPROVEMENT			5,329	2,345	2,345		-2,984
EQUIPMENT LAND AND BUILDINGS	15,574	28,679	12,000	26,775	26,775		14,775
Total Spending by Object	18,001,297	21,884,847	19,899,650	20,224,190	20,272,700	48,510	373,050
Percent Change from Previous Year		21.6%	-9.1%	1.6%	0.2%	0.2%	1.9%
<u>Financing By Major Object</u>							
GENERAL FUND	6,039,529	6,919,551	6,955,635	7,127,685	7,176,195	48,510	220,560
SPECIAL FUND							
TAXES							
LICENSES AND PERMITS	8,582,803	8,466,034	9,127,386	8,918,274	8,918,274		-209,112
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE							
FEES, SALES AND SERVICES	2,125,685	1,806,315	1,971,040	2,222,332	2,222,332		251,292
ENTERPRISE AND UTILITY REVENUES							
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	48,484	46,765	239,000	239,000	239,000		
TRANSFERS	453,695	646,341	1,276,816	1,718,663	1,718,663		441,847
FUND BALANCES			329,773	-1,764	-1,764		-331,537
Total Financing by Object	17,250,196	17,885,006	19,899,650	20,224,190	20,272,700	48,510	373,050
Percent Change from Previous Year		3.7%	11.3%	1.6%	0.2%	0.2%	1.9%

