

# Building Inspector

The Building Department's mission is to protect the public safety through enforcement of the Commonwealth's building codes, plumbing and gas codes, electrical codes, architectural access codes, Massachusetts General Laws as they apply to building safety, and the Northampton Zoning Ordinance. As part of the city's public safety team, the Building Inspector responds to disaster events such as structure fires, flooding, and climatic damage. We strive to carry out our mission in a professional and respectful manner.



The Building Inspector's staff works with contractors and property owners to ensure that all structures are safe and secure.

*Our office is called to respond to an incredible variety of situations. We inspect commercial buildings as large as the new Kollmorgen facility and the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, as well as projects as small as a new garden shed or front porch repairs. We are also called to deal with chickens running loose in our neighborhoods.*

*Whatever the task, we try to approach it with patience and good humor, and strive to treat everyone with the sort of respect and attention that we all want and deserve.*

*Louis Hasbrouck,  
Building Commissioner*



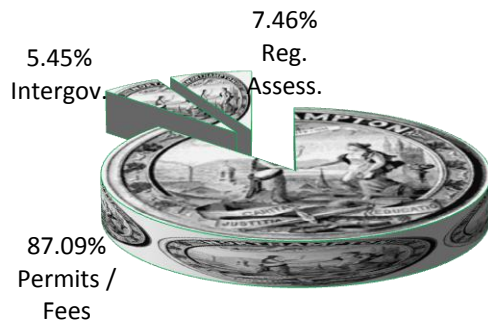
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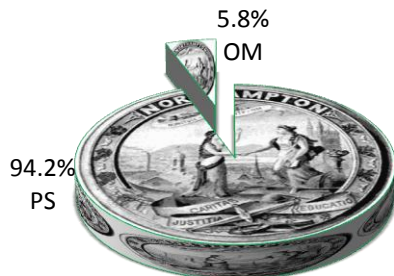
## Staffing Proposal for FY2012

Position Title	Full or Part time	Annual Salary	Funding Source(s)	Budgeted FTE	Change from FY2011	Union affiliation
Building Commissioner	Full Time	57,570	Department fees	1.0		NAPEA
Asst. Building Commissioner	Full Time	45,450	Department fees	1.0	New Position	NAPEA
Local Inspector	Full Time	35,490	Department fees and Williamsburg fees	1.0	New Position	NAPEA
Inspector of Wires	Full Time	50,678	Department Fees	1.0		NAPEA
Electrical Inspectors (2) Intermittent	PT – varies	24,000 max. per year	Department Fees	.75		NR
Intermittent Plumbing Inspector	PT – varies max. 100 hours/year	2,000	Department Fees			NR
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	PT 30 hrs/wk	34,791	Department Fees	.86		NAPEA
Principal Clerk	FT	33,088	Department fees	1.0		AFSCME
Clerk Typist	PT 29 hrs/wk	21,368	Department fees	.83		AFSCME
Sealer of Weights and Measures	PT 20 hrs/wk	21,206	Inspection Fees	.57		NAPEA



### Where Our Funding Comes From

*The annual budget of the Building Inspector's office is supported through License and Permit fees, Regional Assessments for Weights and Measures and Intergovernmental Transfers .*



### How We Spend Our Money

*This chart shows how much of the annual budget of the Building Inspector's Office is spent on staff (PS), on Ordinary Maintenance (OM).*

## Some Accomplishments At A Glance

### beyond our day-to-day operations

- Our department took over the building inspection and zoning responsibilities for the Town of Williamsburg in July, 2010.
- Along with Schools, Fire and Central Services, we dealt with one of the snowiest periods in recent memory, minimizing damages to buildings, with special attention to the load of ice and snow on roofs.

## The Year Ahead

- For the first time since 2007, the Building Department will be fully staffed. We will be able to provide services to the community in a proactive way that has not been possible until now.
- The new Police Department facility will be an exciting project and will take up significant staff time.
- New editions of the Residential and Commercial Building Codes, along with a new Electrical Code will bring significant changes, for inspectors, homeowners, contractors, architects and engineers.

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	Actual FY 2010	Budget FY 2011	Budget FY 2012	\$Change FY11-12	% Change FY11-12
<b><u>Appropriation by Major Object</u></b>					
Personal Services	287,873	320,512	328,512	8,000	2.5%
Ordinary Maintenance	22,632	24,500	20,100	(4,400)	-18.0%
Other than Ordinary Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,505</b>	<b>345,012</b>	<b>348,612</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b><u>Appropriation by Major Activity</u></b>					
Inspection/Enforcement	310,505	345,012	348,612	3,600	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,505</b>	<b>345,012</b>	<b>348,612</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b><u>Financing Plan</u></b>					
Licenses & Permits	284,088	300,012	303,612	3,600	1.2%
Intergovernmental	0	19,000	19,000	0	100.0%
Towns - Weights & Measures Fees	26,417	26,000	26,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,505</b>	<b>345,012</b>	<b>348,612</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

## Building Inspectors

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by the numbers

<b>9,000</b>	Structures in the city we may be called on to inspect and ensure safety
<b>12,000</b>	Building permits issued per year
<b>850</b>	Electrical permits issued in an average year
<b>1,000</b>	Plumbing and Gas permits issued in an average year
<b>4,000</b>	Building inspections performed in 2010
<b>\$45,000,000</b>	Combined cost of building projects in the city in calendar year 2010