## LICENSING DEPARTMENT

## Department Purpose Statement

Keeping the Town's Mission Statement as our top priority, our collective purpose is to consistently provide administrative, statute, regulation, and code compliance services within Licensing and Weights \& Measures capacity, to Town businesses, residents, and visitors ensuring a balanced approach towards the community's quality of life and equity in the marketplace.

# Licensing 

## Weights \& Measures (Revolving Fund)

Percentage of FY21 General Fund Budget


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## Department Services Provided

Located at 200 Main Street, the Licensing Department provides a wide range of services for businesses the consumer and visitors of our community. Through enforcement of local and state regulations, the Licensing and Weights \& Measures programs ensure that businesses operate within compliance to meet the standards, which protects consumers on a daily basis.

## Licensing Program

The Licensing program provides support to both the Licensing Authority and the Town Manager for permits issued by him. The Licensing program processes and holds public hearings for new licenses, changes to existing licenses, and renewal of existing licenses. These areas include alcohol and non-alcohol restaurants, package stores, inns, parking lots, cinemas/theatres, junk dealers, lodging houses, entertainment, sidewalk cafés, taxis and limos, fortunetellers, and minigolf. Licensing coordinates all licenses for One Day Special Events involving Entertainment and Alcohol and maintains records of all licensing applications and show cause hearings held annually. The field staff provides inspection and enforcement activities in licensed establishments throughout the Town as well as education efforts to licensees. Staff assists applicants seeking to obtain a license, and in understanding their obligations under Massachusetts General Laws with respect to license terms and conditions (M.G.L. Ch. 138, 140, 148).

## Department Recent Accomplishments

## Licensing Program

- Conducted On-Site inspections of all new and altered licensees upon approval;
- Worked with other departments on Special events procedure for alcohol and entertainment;
- Represented Licensing in Site Plan and mini-site plan review meetings;
- Worked with Town Manager on special projects and support of Town Manager applications and hearings on flammables, liveries and taxi permits, and;
- Conducted compliance verifications with the ABCC and with various businesses throughout the year.


## Weights \& Measures Program

- All certified inspectors received required Continuing Education Credits for 2019;
- Assisted Division of Standards with seafood survey to check random samples of salmon at random locations and on delinquent motor fuel licenses;
- Continued Certification of Measurement Assurance Compliance test unit by Division of Standards Meterologist and Compliance Office of DPW. Highway Division;
- One inspector selected as President of the Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association and focused on proper procedure on issuing citations, unit code inspections and handling and certification of equipment, and;
- Completed $98.6 \%$ of compliance work required of over 4200 devices in 10 towns served and addressed 41 complaints.


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## Department Goals and Objectives - Town Council's Quality of Life Strategic Plan (SP)

Short-Term:

## Licensing Division (Goals and Objectives)

1. Continue to incorporate old database into the new ePermitting system for easier access to lists and renewals. (SP: Regulatory Process and Performance, Communication)
2. Finalize updated Boards and Commissions training manual to be presented to the Town Council. (SP: Regulatory Process and Performance, Communication)
3. Work with new Legal counsel on updating and streamlining outside dining patio process. (SP: Regulatory
 Process and Performance, Communication)

Weights \& Measures Vehicles

## Weights \& Measures Program (Goals and Objectives)

1. Revise and update Inter-municipal Agreements with 10 towns served; add language and fees for full cost recovery. (SP: Finance)
2. Continued outreach to towns' businesses we serve to inform and report relevant information and to consolidate inspections for less frequency and overlap of visits. (SP: Education, Communication)
3. Increase communication of information and reporting to towns within district. (SP: Education, Communication)

## Long-Term:

## Licensing Division (Goals and Objectives)

1. Hold stakeholder meetings on recommendations with police department to revise Taxi regulations and reduce paperwork and consolidate departments input. (SP: Regulatory Process and Performance)
2. Work with the CAO and police to conduct year round alcohol compliance checks and investigations of underage customer identification. (SP: Regulatory Process and Performance)

## Weights \& Measures Program (Goals and Objectives)

1. Increase communication and public education on Town website and through public outreach programs. (SP: Education, Communication)
2. Continue to review vehicles and equipment maintenance and upgrades. (SP: Regulatory Process and Performance)
3. Continue to attend state and national trainings and conferences on up to date information. (SP: Education)

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## Department Budget Comparison

| Licensing Services Category | Actual <br> FY 2019 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Projected } \\ & \text { FY } 2020 \end{aligned}$ | Approved <br> FY 2020 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Proposed } \\ & \text { FY } 2021 \end{aligned}$ | Change FY20-21 | Percent <br> Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fees, Licenses, Permits | \$541,817 | \$500,000 | \$515,500 | \$486,797 | $(\$ 28,703)$ | -5.57\% |
| Interest and Other | 150 | 100 | 3,000 | - | $(3,000)$ | -100.00\% |
| Total Sources | \$541,967 | \$500,100 | \$518,500 | \$486,797 | $(\$ 31,703)$ | -6.11\% |
| Expenditure Category |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personnel | \$142,558 | \$151,017 | \$154,086 | \$154,334 | \$248 | 0.16\% |
| Operating Expenses | 10,345 | 8,155 | 11,312 | 9,312 | $(2,000)$ | -17.68\% |
| Total Appropriation | \$152,903 | \$159,172 | \$165,398 | \$163,646 | $(\$ 1,752)$ | -1.06\% |
| Job Title | FY 2019 |  | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | Change |  |
| Administrative Assistant | 1.00 |  | 1.00 | 1.00 | - |  |
| Director of Licensing | 0.75 |  | 0.75 | 0.75 | - |  |
| Full-time Equivalent Employees | 1.75 |  | 1.75 | 1.75 | - |  |


| Budget Reconciliation | Personnel | Operating | Capital Outlay | Totals |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FY 2020 Approved Budget |  |  |  | $\mathbf{~ F T E ~}$ |
| Contractual Obligations Net of Staff Turnover | 248 |  | - | - |
| FY 2021 Budget Changes |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 4 8}$ |
| 1. Lease Vehicles Budget Reduction | - | $(2,000)$ | - |  |
| FY 2021 Proposed Budget | $\mathbf{\$ 2 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{( \$ 2 , 0 0 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 3 , 6 4 6}$ |

## Summary of Budget Changes

Licensing Services Department proposed FY 2021 budget is decreasing $1.06 \%$ from the approved FY 2020 budget. Contractual obligations attributed to the personnel cost increase while a reduction to lease vehicles accounts for the operating decrease.

1. Lease Vehicles Budget Reduction - The operating costs for leased vehicles is being reduced as staff will use personal cars for day-to-day operations.

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Resources By Category


## Resources By Category Summary

Fees, licenses, and permits cover 99\% of the total source of funding for the proposed FY 2021 budget.

## Department Budget History

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Full Time Employee History


The change in FY 2018 to FY 2019 is due to a reallocation of salary to the Weights \& Measures Revolving Fund.

Licensing Department Budget History


The department's budget has decreased $3.34 \%$ annually over the five-year period. The entire change in budget over the five-year period is due to salary reallocation to the Consumer Protection revolving fund.


Licensing Services actuals expenditures ranges 96\% to $98 \%$ of the annually approved budgets.

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## Weights \& Measures Revolving Fund Services

The Weights and Measures Program is a service of government to protect the interests of both buyer and seller of commodities. This service provides third-party verification of the accuracy of representations and measurements in the retail marketplace. Retail sales of commodities sold annually in Barnstable exceed $\$ 400,000,000$. Inspectors test devices used to determine accuracy such as scales, gasoline dispensers, home heating oil delivery vehicles, taximeters, pharmacy balances and others. Packaged products are inspected in retail stores to determine accurate measurement and compliance with labeling and advertising regulations. The Division annually inspects approximately 4,000 devices and 6,000 prepackaged commodities in Barnstable (M.G.L. Ch. 94-98.101). In addition, over 9,000 items were checked for Unit Price Code compliance and 41 complaints were investigated.

| Consumer Protection Revolving Fund | Actual <br> FY 2016 | Actual <br> FY 2017 | Actual <br> FY 2018 | Actual <br> FY 2019 | Projected <br> FY 2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Charges for Services | 236,026 | 223,858 | 248,696 | 239,413 | 184,072 |
| Fees, Licenses, Permits | 2,207 | 4,578 | 800 | - | - |
| Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties | 128,000 | 130,665 | 113,463 | 133,080 | 108,350 |
| Total Sources | 366,233 | 359,101 | 362,959 | 372,493 | 292,422 |
| Expenditure Category |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personnel | 344,266 | 360,513 | 368,632 | 383,915 | 388,145 |
| Operating Expenses | 23,585 | 20,157 | 27,209 | 24,542 | 25,060 |
| Total Appropriation | 367,851 | 380,669 | 395,841 | 408,456 | 413,205 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | $(1,618)$ | $(21,569)$ | $(32,882)$ | $(35,964)$ | $(120,783)$ |
| Fund Balance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 235,618 | \$ 234,000 | \$ 212,431 | \$ 179,549 | \$ 143,586 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 234,000 | \$ 212,431 | \$ 179,549 | \$ 143,586 | \$ 22,803 |

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## Department Workload Indicators

## Weights \& Measures Revolving Fund

Barnstable Weights \& Measures is responsible for the compliance of over 4,000 devices in 10 towns on Cape Cod. Barnstable Weights \& Measures is responsible for the inspection of devices within the Town, as well as nine contract towns. In addition to this, the Division handles the sealing duties of vehicle tank meters for two additional towns. The figures for inspected devices may fluctuate year to year, but typically, it is approximately 4,000 devices. The Weights \& Measures Division conducts annual inspections on gasoline dispensers and vehicle tank meters, or oil trucks. The same can be said of scale inspections of varying sizes, which can relate to net weight inspections conducted during the year. The Division conducts Item Price inspections at food stores and stores with food departments. The goal is to have the store meet compliance requirements for ticketing and pricing. Consumer complaints are investigated thoroughly to provide assistance by educating businesses and provide solutions to issues in the marketplace. Through the Citizen's Academy, 30 residents are educated about the Weights \& Measures Program and the responsibilities of the Division.


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## Department Workload Indicators

| Economic Impact | FY 2018 Actuals | FY 2019 Actuals | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY } 2020 \\ \text { Projected } \end{gathered}$ |
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| Savings to Consumer - Item Price Inspections | 491,155 | 202,200 | 205,000 |
| Savings to Consumer - Price Verification Inspections | 122,122 | 17,400 | 18,500 |
| Total Economic Impact | \$613,277 | \$219,600 | \$223,500 |

## Licensing Department

This chart shows complaints to date ( 6 months only) for which show cause hearings have been held, or scheduled, complaints investigated, inspections conducted, trainings, or assists for licensees including restaurants, package stores, clubs, junk dealers, auto dealers, etc. The Licensing Authority has the power to cancel, suspend, revoke, or impose further conditions on licenses for many causes in an effort to preserve public good and protect consumers from any illegal action.

| License Type | Complaint | Sanction |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Annual All Alcohol <br> Common Victualler | 502-Ir\&t Sale or delivery of an <br> alcoholic beverage to a person <br> under 21 years of age | TBD-Two day suspension with 1 day to be served and 1 <br> day to be held in abeyance for 1 year.or Alternative <br> penalties offered for CWOF or charitable donation. |
| Annual All Alcohol <br> Common Victualler | 502-Ir\&t Sale or delivery of an <br> alcoholic beverage to a person <br> under 21 years of age | TBD-Two day suspension with 1 day to be served and 1 <br> day to be held in abeyance for 1 year. or Alternative <br> penalties offered for charitable donation. |
| Annual Wine and Malt <br> Retail Package Goods <br> Store | 502-Ir\&t Sale or delivery of an <br> alcoholic beverage to a person <br> under 21 years of age | TBD-Two day suspension with 1 day to be served and 1 <br> day to be held in abeyance for 1 year. or Alternative <br> penalties offered for charitable donation. |
| Annual All Alcohol <br> Common Victualler | 502-Ir \& t Sale or delivery of an <br> alcoholic beverage to a person <br> under 21 year of age | Five day suspension, with 2 days to be served and 3 <br> day to be held in abeyance for 2 years; And 1 day to be <br> served from previous violation |
| (2) Car Dealers <br> (2)Taxi/Livery <br> (2)Common Victualler | Investigated by CAO <br> Tow-2- consumer complaints <br> Town Manager Rules and Regs <br> $504-2-$ Unlicensed premises | Town manager hearings; inspections; assists <br> Fines issued; show cause hearing |
| Alcohol Establishments | $502-1$ and MGL c. 138- General <br> Provisions | CAO- (4) assists for information; (5)walk throughs; (2) <br> trainings; (38) underage compliance checks; (3) fake ID <br> compliance checks; (4) complaints investigated |


| Licensing Income | FY 2017 Actual |  | FY 2018 Actual |  | FY 2019 Actual |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hearings | \$\$ | Hearings | \$\$ | Hearings | \$\$ |
| Licensing Receipts | 568 | 547,086 | 568 | 547,086 | 577 | 551,512 |
| Totals | 568 | $\$ 547,086$ | 568 | $\$ 547,086$ | 481 | $\$ 536,188$ |

