

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2011/12 BUDGET

## AGENCY 51 ZONING APPEALS BOARD

### MISSION

As a quasi-judicial body, the Board's primary role is to hear and rule on appeals for relief or relaxation of the provisions and requirements of the Zoning Ordinance from any person, firm, partnership or corporation, or by any officer, department, commission, board, or bureau of the City 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 or jeopardize equity or prevent proper utilization of property.

### 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.

### GOALS

1. Make all zoning decisions necessary to assure that City of Detroit land use is congruent with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance through improved Zoning and land use training.
2. Make just decisions as they affect the applicant, the people in the immediate vicinity of the property in question and the general public.
3. Respond to City Council and administration referrals.
4. Develop recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance where appropriate and necessary.
5. Enhance the quality of services to customers, both citizens and businesses, through improved land use and planning technology.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$709,723	\$709,723
REVENUES	<u>105,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>
NET TAX COST	\$604,723	\$604,723
POSITIONS	4	4