Asset Forfeiture (Fund 212)

The Houston Police Department receives asset forfeiture proceeds under guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Treasury Department, and the State of Texas. These forfeiture proceeds are generated as a result of law enforcement efforts against illegal and criminal activity. Proceeds received under the various guidelines must be used for law enforcement purposes.

Auto Dealers (Fund 204)

The Auto Dealers Division of the Houston Police Department issues licenses to automotive businesses and vehicle/used parts salesmen. The Auto Dealers Division also monitors private storage facilities/salvage yards, auctions abandoned motor vehicles, and investigates complaints against automotive businesses/ salesmen. The revenues generated from the fees are placed in the Auto Dealers Fund.

Building Inspection (Fund 214)

The Planning and Development Department administers the Building Inspection Special Revenue Fund, which ensures that buildings and structures constructed and maintained within the City adhere to the standards set by the City of Houston's Building Code. Permits and Licenses revenue make up appoximately 75% of the revenue in this fund. This revenue is derived from the issuance of electrical, plumbing, AC and Boiler and construction permits.

Building Security (Fund 219)

The Building Security Fund began in FY1997 generating revenue from a $3.00 fee charged to defendants convicted of a misdemeanor offense. The purpose of the fund is to aid in ensuring the safety of civilians and civil service employees while conducting business in Municipal Courts buildings.

Cable TV (Fund 208)

Operation of the Municipal Access Channel and its facilities is the responsibility of the Cable Communications Division of the Finance and Administration Department. The mission of the division is to effectively communicate to the public relevant information concerning municipal and related governmental and community services. The Cable Television Fund is supported through contributions of the cable television companies in Houston. The contributions are based upon a rate per subscriber and support public, educational, and municipal programming in Houston.

Child Safety Fund (Fund 948)

The Child Safety Fund was established to account for monies collected for public, parochial, and private school crossing guard programs. Revenues to the fund come from an assessment of a Municipal Court fee of $5.00 on non-criminal municipal violations and an additional $1.50 fee for each vehicle registration authorized by Harris County If there is a surplus of funds, the City is allowed to keep 10% of the funds received for administrative fees. If a surplu exists after the payment of all covered contract expenses, the excess can be used to pay for programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition and administration costs of these programs.

Houston Emergency Center (Fund 218)

The City of Houston's Neutral Public Safety Answering Point is one of the thirty-seven answering stations in the Greater Harris County Houston Emergency Center. Emergency calls from Houston citizens are referred to the appropriate emergency agency, such as police, fire, and ambulance services. Calls are also referred to Harris county agencies such as Juvenile Crisis Hotline, Poison Control and Emergency Management Operations. The City of Houston is reimbursed from the special district for salaries, fringe benefits and other operating expenses for the answering station.

Houston Transtar Center (Fund 221)

Houston TranStar Center formerly known as the Greater Houston Transportation & Emergency Management Center. The Houston TranStar Center was built through a cooperative effort among the City of Houston, Harris County, Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The center houses personnel responsible for and/or involved with transportation and emergency management planning and operations in the Houston/Harris County area. Funding for the center is received from each member agency and is prorated based on occupancy and use of center facilities.

Parks Special Revenue Fund (Fund 206)

The Parks and Recreation Department administers the Parks Special Revenue Fund. The Fund receives revenue from the following activities: Seven municipal golf courses, rental of park facilities, and three tennis centers.

Police Special Services Fund (Fund 205)

The Police Special Services Fund was created to properly account for funds received from other agencies or organizations to reimburse HPD for cost of services for specific law enforcement purposes. These special services include HPD participation in joint police operations, security, traffic control for activities such as "fun runs", parade and festivals.

Sign Administration (Fund 210)

The Planning and Development Department administers the Sign Administration Special Revenue Fund. The Fund oversees sign codes within both the Houston city limits and the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The code requires the licensing of sign contractors, construction permits for new signs including examination/plan approval, operating permits for new and existing signs, and the impoundment and confiscation of signs found located on the public rights-of-way.

Stormwater Utility Special Revenue Fund (Fund 227)

The Stormwater Utility Special Revenue Fund provides for the maintenance and repair of streets, rights-of-way and drainage infrastructure, such as storm sewers and roadside ditches. The source of funding for these activities is a Street/Drainage Maintenance charge. This service charge is 4 percent of the net water and sewer revenues generated annually by the Public Utilities-Water and Sewer Fund. The purpose of the charge is to compensate for the "wear and tear" on the City's street and drainage systems as a result of the construction and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems.

Technology Fee Fund (Fund 261)

The Technology Fee Fund was established in FY2001 to account for revenue generated from a $4.00 technology fee for convictions on all traffic and non-traffic misdemeanor offenses occurring on or after June 26, 2000. The purpose of the fund is to finance technological enhancements for the Municipal Courts including computer systems, networks, hardware, software, imaging systems, electronic ticket-writers and docket management systems.

TxDOT Signal Maintenance Fund (Fund 234)

In FY1996, the City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to operate and maintain TxDOT traffic signals on selected state owned roadways located within the City. Funding is electrical power costs and emergency replacement costs of traffic signals covered under the agreement. The fund is administered by the Maintenance and Right-of-Way group of the Public Works and Engineering Department.