

### **Asset Forfeiture (Fund 2202,2203,2204)**

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.

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### **Auto Dealers (Fund 2200)**

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.

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### **Building Inspection (Fund 2301)**

The Public Works and Engineering 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 approximately 75% of the revenue in this fund. This revenue is derived from the issuance of electrical, plumbing, AC and Boiler and construction permits.

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### **Building Security (Fund 2206)**

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.

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### **Cable TV (Fund 2401)**

Operation of the Municipal Access Channel and its facilities is the responsibility of the Cable Communications Division of the Mayor's Office. 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 Houston.

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### **Child Safety Fund (Fund 2209)**

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 surplus 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.

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### **Digital Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Fund (2212)**

The Digital Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Fund (DARLEP), established in FY2009, tracks the financial and accounting balances from all penalties and fees collected and all costs associated with the operation and enforcement of the photographic traffic monitoring system.

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### **Digital Houston Fund (2422)**

EarthLink has been chosen by the City of Houston to build a citywide wireless broadband network, pending contract negotiations. The Wi-Fi mesh network will provide affordable high-speed Internet access for residents of and visitors to Houston. It will also enable municipal employees to work in the field without having to return to the office to use traditional landlines to complete their task. The fund will be necessary to receive payments from EarthLink and to allow the City to fund inclusion programs for low income and other individuals.