



Licenses and permits reflect revenues primarily from occupational licenses imposed on all businesses, professions and occupations operating within the City of Clearwater's jurisdiction along with building permit fees for the construction of any new building or any addition to a structure within the city limits. It also includes permit fees for signs and demolition work.

These revenues are not consistent from year to year, but the average increase for fiscal years 1998/99 - 2002/03 is 4.9%, which is impacted by a 5% rate increase in Occupational License fees and building permits adopted in February 2000. There was also a 5% increase in Occupational License Fees that took effect in April 2002. The closing of Clearwater Mall has impacted this revenue negatively, but when this facility is back in operation, it is anticipated that revenues will increase. Fiscal year 2003/04 revenue projections reflect an increase of 9.7% due to new building permit fees that will be proposed in the summer of 2003.

In fiscal year 2003/04 Licenses & Permits will generate an estimated \$3,601,650 for General Fund purposes. This represents approximately 3.6% of the total General Fund revenues.