



The main source of these revenues are traffic and parking fines. They also include fines collected for false fire and security alarms, and for code enforcement violations related to such things as nuisances, land development, and water restrictions.

Additional parking meters were eliminated in February and June of 1996, and again in 2001 and 2003. This has served to reduce parking fine revenues even further. The Parking Enforcement program was established June 19, 2003 to provide dedicated enforcement of parking both downtown and at the beach. All parking fine revenue is directed first to the Parking Fund to cover costs of the program. Then revenue is transferred to the General Fund representing the net of the cost of enforcement and collection. This revenue transfer is expected to increase under this collection program in future years, but is projected to be only \$300,000 in the 2006/07 budget.

In addition, an annual loss of over \$300,000 in criminal fines revenues occurred in July 2004 when the state legislature changed the laws allowing these funds to remain with Pinellas County to support the court system.

In fiscal year 2006/07 Fines & Forfeitures are expected to generate an estimated \$836,000 for General Fund purposes. Fines and Forfeitures represent approximately 0.7% of the total General Fund revenues.