

Appendix E

Guideline for Budgeting for Vacancies

“Vacancy factor” is how the Municipality budgets for vacancy savings in department budgets. This is a savings that is taken up-front in the budget process and is based on the expectation that not all positions will be filled 100% of the time throughout the course of a fiscal year.

To budget for savings due to vacancies and turnover, the Municipality is using the following guidelines:

# FT Positions	Minimum Vacancy Factor	Maximum Vacancy Factor
10 or less	0%	3%
11 to 20	1%	4%
21 to 30	2%	5%
31 to 50	3%	6%
51 plus	4%	7%

For departments with many seasonal or part-time positions, it may be appropriate to budget a vacancy factor above the maximum since the above percentages are based on full-time position counts only.

Conversely, if a department has experienced very low turnover, it may be appropriate to budget using a percentage less than the minimum.

The vacancy factor percentage should reflect a department’s past level of turnover as well as other issues that are likely to influence the turnover rate for the budget year.