

City
Attorney
Program
Summary

Appropriation Summary

	FY 2003-04 Actual	FY 2004-05 Amended	FY 2005-06 Proposed	FY 2005-06 Adopted	% Change
Expenditures	1,937,341	1,438,588	1,472,183	1,452,407	0.96
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Department Mission

The Law Department's mission is to provide the City Council, City Manager, School Board, School Superintendent, all of their departments, boards, commissions, and agencies the highest quality legal advice and representation. Through the development and use of efficient, effective, and creative legal strategies, the Department works to facilitate achievement of City Council and School Board goals.

Department Budget in Brief

Due to the settlement of the Fairwood Homes litigation, that budget line item has been eliminated. However, due to anticipated litigation expenses in other matters, the FY 2006 Non-recurring Legal Expenses line item has been increased by a similar amount.

Department Operational Summary

- Advises the City Council and the School Board on all legal matters.
- Drafts Council ordinances and resolutions.
- Serves as legal advisor to City and School Board staffs and to City boards and commissions.
- Represents the City and the School Board in civil litigation, prosecutes City Code violations, collects City and School Board debts, reviews Freedom of Information requests, reviews contracts, and prepares legal documents necessary for the conduct of public business.

Departmental Trends

The trend most impacting the Law Department is the increased complexity of litigation for housing, employment, and other general liability claims. This litigation, because of its intricacies and conflicts between the legal positions of the City and individual defendants, continue to require outside legal counsel retention.

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<i>Salaries</i>	653,388	704,570	747,479	735,922
<i>Benefits</i>	133,564	171,025	183,303	181,804
<i>Contractual Services</i>	1,101,023	481,076	484,179	484,179
<i>Materials and Supplies</i>	11,682	10,300	10,403	10,403
<i>Other Operating Expenses</i>	9,345	13,300	13,433	13,433
<i>Internal Service Charges & Expenses</i>	28,339	33,056	33,387	24,110
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	-	25,261	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,937,341	1,438,588	1,472,183	1,452,407