

Mission

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- ❖ **Litigation** – Handles the defense of lawsuits against the City and the prosecution of City lawsuits against others. Also included in this function are matters involving land use/zoning, code violations, employee issues and civil forfeitures.
- ❖ **Transactional** – Assists departments in drafting or reviewing agreements and contracts, real estate transactions, and purchasing issues and procedures.
- ❖ **Legislation** – Drafts or assists City staff in drafting ordinances and resolutions and performs any research associated therewith.
- ❖ **Legal Advice** – Advises City staff on all legal issues including city code and state statute interpretation, employee matters, police advice and training, and general legal questions.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY					
	Actual 2006-07	Actual 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10	% Change
Personnel	1,074,091	1,120,364	1,147,490	1,159,190	1%
Operating	137,056	184,972	411,910	407,030	-1%
Internal Services	117,266	122,162	123,390	119,210	-3%
Capital	11,380	4,016	6,000	6,000	0%
Transfers	-	1,200	-	-	n/a
Total City Attorney's Office	1,339,793	1,432,714	1,688,790	1,691,430	0%

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DEPARTMENT FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	Actual 2006/07	Actual 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Budget 2009/10
City Attorney's Office	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Total City Attorney's Office	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0

Program Highlights

- ❖ The City Attorney's Office is supported by twelve full time equivalent positions, the same as the 2008/09 budget.
- ❖ Personnel costs represent 69% of this program's budget.
- ❖ The operating budget of \$407,030 includes \$315,000 for outside professional services, the same as the 2008/09 budget.
- ❖ Funding for the support of capital expenditures for books and publications remains the same at \$6,000, the same level as 2008/09 budget.
- ❖ There have been no other significant changes in the City Attorney's Office. The budget for this Department reflects no increase from the 2008/09 budget.