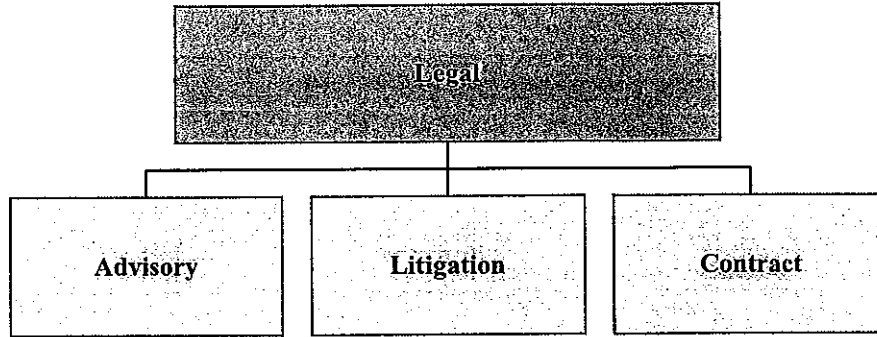


**LEGAL**

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**Department Overview**

The Legal Department is responsible for providing legal representation and advice to the City and its officials in numerous areas of law, including issues relating to planning, zoning, construction, development, environmental, employment, civil rights, contracts, tax, real estate law, torts involving personal injury and property damage, ethics, conflicts of interest, public records and open meeting laws, compliance with financial disclosure laws, and a wide range of other issues.

In addition to handling litigation, the Department's attorneys furnish legal advice and opinions on matters referred to them by the City Manager, Mayor, Council, and Department Heads. The Department's attorneys frequently attend meetings of the Council and the other boards of the City.

**Mission**

To provide quality legal advice and representation to the Council, City boards, and administration in an effort to minimize litigation against the City and reduce legal costs.

**Vision**

To provide efficient services to the public for the benefit of all.

**Department Financial Overview**

Category	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget
Personnel	\$555,698	\$ 493,678	\$524,297
Operating	55,459	76,785	207,100
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$611,157</b>	<b>\$573,463</b>	<b>\$731,397</b>
<b>Full-Time Equivalent Budgeted Employees</b>	4	4	4