

Attorney

Agency Number: **02**
Budget Function: **Administration**

The mission of the City Attorney's Office is to provide legal representation for the City of Madison as an entity, by enforcing ordinances, drafting documents and advising City officials and managers as to how to carry out their policies in compliance with the law. The City Attorney negotiates on the City's behalf and uses legal procedures to support and defend the lawful decisions of City officials and agencies. If authorized to do so by the Common Council, the City Attorney defends actions brought against any officer or employee growing out of acts done or breaches of duty in the course of employment.

<u>Major Service</u>	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Projected</u>	<u>2005 Request</u>	<u>2005 Executive</u>	<u>2005 Adopted</u>
Legal Counseling	\$ 470,176	\$ 491,020	\$ 491,020	\$ 576,757	\$ 596,367	\$ 0
Ordinance Enforcement	807,134	364,687	364,687	290,092	305,255	0
Civil Litigation	265,569	456,757	456,757	440,876	454,618	0
Contracts/Leases	186,669	387,672	387,672	371,004	383,602	0
Ordinance Revision	212,640	364,700	364,700	365,458	376,880	0
Agency Total	<u>\$ 1,942,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,835</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,835</u>	<u>\$ 2,044,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,722</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

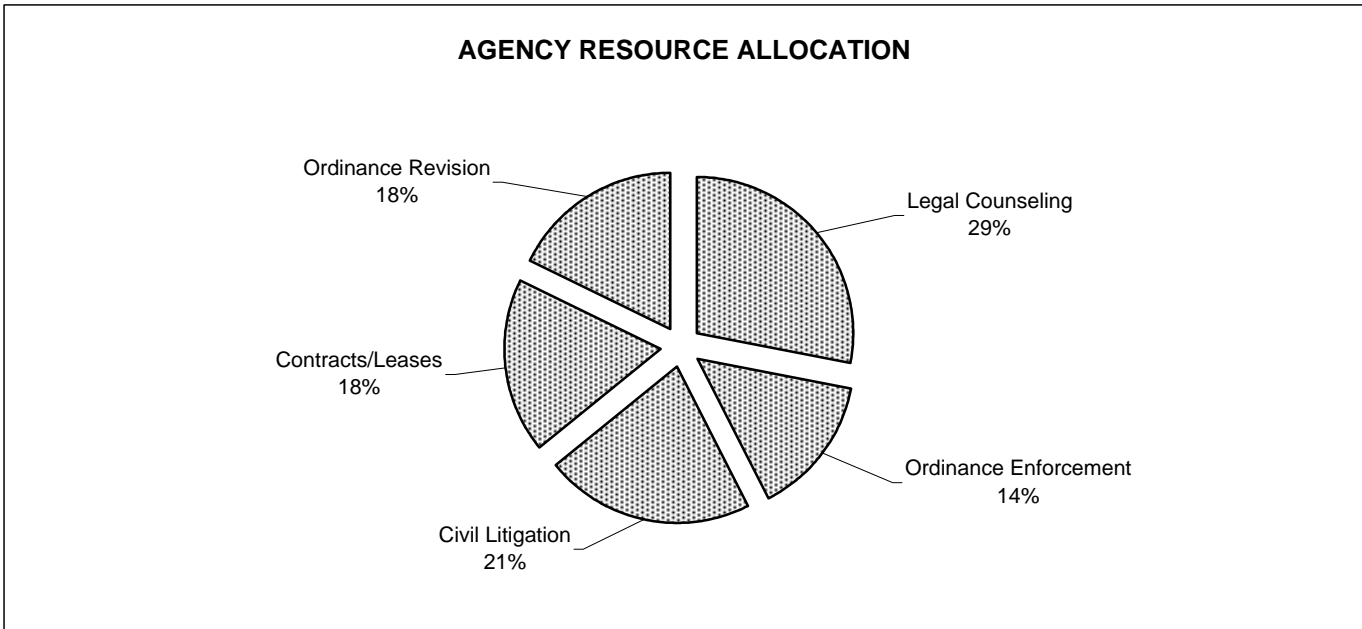
Executive Budget Highlights

The Budget includes:

1. Continuation of existing services.

The agency submitted \$85,995 in supplemental requests, of which \$72,535 is included in the Executive Budget.

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Budget Service Descriptions:

Legal Counseling

Goal: To help City officials and agencies carry out their policies in compliance with law.

Service Priorities: 1. Prepare, publish, and distribute formal opinions and reports on legal issues affecting City policy. Inform officials and agencies of current legal developments. 2. Prepare and present formal and informal training sessions for City officials and staff. 3. Answer informal legal questions from City officials, staff, and committees. 4. Attend meetings of staff teams and public bodies to provide legal advice.

Objectives: 1. Agencies, boards and commissions act according to law. 2. City officials and staff request and use City Attorney training to improve their programs. Maximize compliance with laws and minimize exposure to liability. 3. Agencies are encouraged to consider legal issues in planning their programs. 4. Programs and policies incorporate legal advice, and court challenges are minimized.

Service Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Executive</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 549,911	\$ 628,545	\$ 651,942
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>79,735</u>	<u>137,525</u>	<u>55,575</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 470,176</u>	<u>\$ 491,020</u>	<u>\$ 596,367</u>

Ordinance Enforcement

Goal: To improve citizens' quality of life by helping enforcement agencies deter conduct which is dangerous or interferes with public health and welfare.

Service Priorities: 1. Prosecuting civil enforcement actions including nuisance and injunctive actions as necessary. 2. Providing advice and training to enforcement staff. 3. Researching legal issues raised by new enforcement techniques, recent case law developments and changes in state law. 4. Identifying legal solutions to enforcement problems and drafting appropriate ordinance amendments. 5. Conducting appellate proceedings.

Objectives: 1. Conviction of individuals and corporations charged with violations. 2. Fewer tickets and complaints dismissed because of formal or substantive deficiencies. 3. Successful use of new legal mechanisms as well as up to date enforcement techniques (e.g. laser radar, drug nuisance actions, intoxilyzers, in-squad videos). 4. Achieve maximum compliance with ordinances. 5. City prevails in appeals.

Service Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
	Actual	Budget	Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 871,929	\$ 522,037	\$ 521,580
Less Inter-Agency Billings	64,795	157,350	216,325
Net Total	<u>\$ 807,134</u>	<u>\$ 364,687</u>	<u>\$ 305,255</u>

Civil Litigation

Goal: To see to it that courts uphold the decisions of the Mayor and the Council, and of those officials and agencies authorized by the Mayor and Council to make decisions.

Service Priorities: 1. Represent the City in uninsured litigation. Uninsured litigation is conducted by members of the City Attorney's staff. Uninsured litigation arises when decisions of the Common Council or City boards, commissions and committees are challenged by affected parties. Uninsured litigation could also arise out of contract disputes, out of ordinance or contract enforcement procedures, or out of disciplinary actions that are challenged by employees. Examples of uninsured litigation are challenges to annexations, zoning and other land use decisions, and appeals to Circuit Court from decisions of the Board of Review, Plan Commission, Equal Opportunities Commission, Personnel Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and similar agencies. 2. Tender insured cases and oversee work of outside counsel. 3. Represent the City in administrative proceedings before City agencies. Examples are Police and Fire Commission proceedings on disciplinary actions brought by the Police Chief and Fire Chief, Public Health Commission proceedings and charges of code violations brought by the Public Health Director, liquor license proceedings before the Alcohol License Review Committee, and Board of Review proceedings on property tax appeals. 4. Represent the Community Development Authority's Housing Operations Unit in all of its uninsured litigation. This includes evictions, tenant grievance hearings and appeals, Section 8 claims, lease disputes, contract actions and other litigation. 5. Represent the City in collection actions.

Objectives: 1. Support decisions made by City officials and agencies. 2. Work with insurer and with outside counsel to limit the City's exposure to economic loss. 3. Help City staff achieve compliance with rules and laws they are responsible for enforcing. 4. Improve living conditions for residents of CDA housing by achieving court approval of CDA management decisions. 5. Obtain revenue and encourage voluntary payment of sums owed to the City.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 326,804	\$ 484,182	\$ 482,218
Less Inter-Agency Billings	61,236	27,425	27,600
Net Total	<u>\$ 265,569</u>	<u>\$ 456,757</u>	<u>\$ 454,618</u>

Contracts/Leases

Goal: To protect the City's policy and economic interests in its purchase of services and its other economic and financial dealings.

Service Priorities: 1. Draft form contracts and train City staff in their use. 2. Assist agencies in negotiations with contractors, developers, et al., and draft or approve language to which parties agree. 3. Draft and approve other legal documents. 4. Approve signed contracts as to form.

Objectives: 1. Ensure that form contracts protect the City's policy and economic interests and that form contracts are used regularly. 2. Ensure that individually negotiated agreements protect the City's policy and economic interests; that agreed upon language accurately sets forth the intentions of the parties; and that the requirements of applicable ordinances, statutes, regulations and Council policies are met. 3. Achieve the same objectives as in item 2 for other legal documents. 4. Ensure that contracts do not contain formal deficiencies which might affect their enforceability.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 242,196	\$ 414,172	\$ 429,552
Less Inter-Agency Billings	55,527	26,500	45,950
Net Total	<u>\$ 186,669</u>	<u>\$ 387,672</u>	<u>\$ 383,602</u>

Ordinance Revision

Goal: To see to it that Madison ordinances accurately express the policies chosen by the Mayor and Common Council and that current ordinances are easily available to the public.

Service Priorities: 1. Draft ordinances requested by the Mayor and alderpersons. 2. Research issues raised by ordinance requests, such as constitutionality, municipal authority, etc., and report the information to the Mayor and Council. 3. Prepare ordinance amendments required by changing state and federal legislation. 4. Publish revised, current ordinances.

Objectives: 1. Provide language needed for consideration of ordinance changes. 2. Provide staff, Mayor and Council with information they need in order to make policy choices. 3. Ensure that ordinances are up to date and take advantage of changes made in state and federal law. 4. Make ordinances as current as possible and as available as possible.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 268,166	\$ 378,400	\$ 391,430
Less Inter-Agency Billings	55,527	13,700	14,550
Net Total	<u>\$ 212,640</u>	<u>\$ 364,700</u>	<u>\$ 376,880</u>

Attorney Summary by Major Object of Expenditure

	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2004 Projected	2005 Request	2005 Executive	2005 Adopted
Permanent Salaries	\$ 1,625,074	\$ 1,676,045	\$ 1,676,045	\$ 1,651,500	\$ 1,705,389	\$ 0
Hourly Employee Pay	6,621	8,880	8,880	9,000	9,000	0
Overtime Pay	1,404	0	0	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	472,549	580,962	580,962	572,478	591,124	0
Purchased Services	88,914	114,991	114,991	123,991	123,991	0
Supplies	46,344	36,800	36,800	38,959	38,959	0
Inter-Departmental Charges	13,200	9,657	9,657	8,259	8,259	0
Debt/Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assets	4,901	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,259,007</u>	<u>\$ 2,427,335</u>	<u>\$ 2,427,335</u>	<u>\$ 2,404,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,476,722</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Inter-Agency Billings	<u>316,820</u>	<u>362,500</u>	<u>362,500</u>	<u>360,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Budget	<u>\$ 1,942,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,835</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,835</u>	<u>\$ 2,044,187</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,722</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>