

CHAPTER 15**CITY ATTORNEY**

15.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION. The City Attorney shall be appointed by majority vote of the Council and receive such compensation as shall be established by resolution.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.02 ATTORNEY FOR CITY. The City Attorney shall act as attorney for the City in all matters affecting the City's interest and appear on behalf of the City before any court, tribunal, commission or board. The City Attorney may obtain assistance from an assistant city attorney, subject to approval by the Council.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.03 POWER OF ATTORNEY. The City Attorney shall sign the name of the City to all appeal bonds and to all other bonds or papers of any kind that may be essential to the prosecution of any cause in court, and when so signed the City shall be bound upon the same.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.04 ORDINANCE PREPARATION. The City Attorney shall prepare those ordinances which the Council may desire and direct to be prepared and report to the Council upon all such ordinances before their final passage by the Council and publication.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.05 REVIEW AND COMMENT. The City Attorney shall, upon request, make a written report to the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, boards and commissions, and interested department heads, giving an opinion on all contracts, documents, resolutions, ordinances or any other matter submitted to the City Attorney.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.06 PROVIDE LEGAL OPINION. The City Attorney shall render an opinion on all questions of law relating to City matters when requested to do so by the Mayor, the Council, City boards and commissions or the head of any City department.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.07 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS. The City Attorney shall attend every regular

meeting of the Council and attend those special meetings of the City Council at which he/she is requested to be present. The City Attorney shall also attend those meetings of City boards and commissions at which he/she is requested to be present.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])

15.08 PREPARE DOCUMENTS. The City Attorney shall prepare those contracts, forms and other legal documents and writings which may be required for the use of the City. The City Attorney shall examine and render an opinion upon the legality and form of and recommended alterations for any legal document which binds or obligates the City prior to the time that such documents become binding or obligatory upon the City.

(Code of Iowa, 1995, Sec. 372.13 [4])