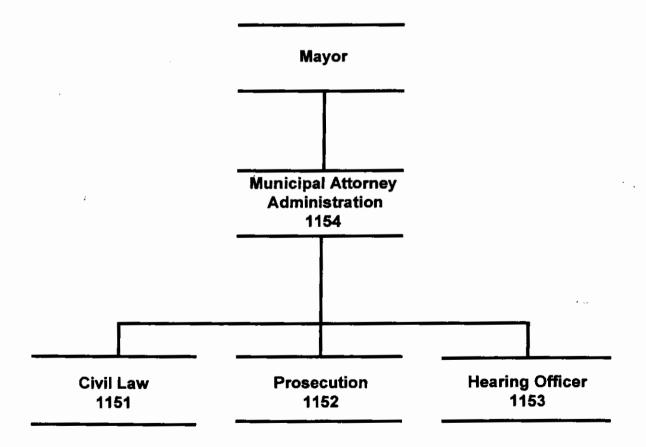
# MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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# **DEPARTMENT SUMMARY**

Department

#### **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY**

# Mission

To provide for the delivery of legal services to all phases of Municipal government operations; management of all civil litigation to which the Municipality is a party; the judicial prosecution of misdemeanor criminal offenses in direct support of enforcement activities carried out by the Anchorage Police Department; and the resolution of certain civil and criminal code violations through the use of an Administrative Hearing Officer.

# Major Program Highlights

- Perform mandated executive support functions and serve as principal legal advisor to the Mayor and Municipal Assembly.
- Continue aggressive community outreach program.
- Expand pretrial diversion alternative for Driving While License Suspended cases resulting in placing licensed and insured drivers in the community.
- Improve traffic law enforcement at the prosecution level.
- Continue aggressive policies and procedures relative to the prosecution of DWI and Domestic Violence Assault.
- Coordinate the 2000 legislative program.
- Provide administrative hearing functions as directed by the Administration.
- Continue representation of Municipality in civil litigation including construction, commercial, employment, real estate and tort matters.
- Continue aggressive adjudication efforts with regard to enforcement of the DWI vehicle impound/forfeiture ordinance.
- Perform a variety of general advisory and consultation services in direct support of all Municipal agencies and utility functions.

RESOURCES	1999	2000
Direct Costs	\$4,456,840	\$4,060,360
Program Revenues	\$ 406,400	\$ 406,400
Personnel Personnel	61FT 3PT	57FT 2PT

#### 2000 RESOURCE PLAN

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

1999 REVISED										
	2000 BUDGET		1999	REVIS	ED			2000	BUDG	<b>SET</b>
		FT	PT	T	TOTAL	1	FT	PT	T	TOTAL
1,707,900	1,546,090	20			20	1	19			19
2,169,780	2,008,380	35	2		37	Ī	32	2		34
195,830	143,270	1 3	1		4	ı	2			2
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	2,169,780 195,830 377,450 	2,169,780	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900	1,707,900

## 2000 RESOURCES BY CATEGORY OF EXPENSE

	PERSONAL .		OTHER	CAPITAL	TOTAL DIRECT
DIVISION	SERVICES	SUPPLIES	SERVICES	OUTLAY	COST
CIVIL	1,287,100	17,900	201,300	48,400	1,554,700
PROSECUTION	1,938,940	14,130	61,830	9,680	2,024,580
HEARING OFFICER	133,220	2,330	6,420	1,300	143,270
LAW ADMIN	316,980	400	44,390	850	362,620
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DEPT. TOTAL WITHOUT DEBT SERVICE	3,676,240	34,760	313,940	60,230	4,085,170
LESS VACANCY FACTOR	24,810				24,810
ADD DEBT SERVICE					
TOTAL DIRECT ORGANIZATION COST	3,651,430	34,760	313, <del>94</del> 0	60,230	4,060,360

# RECONCILIATION FROM 1999 REVISED BUDGET TO 2000 BUDGET

# **DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY**

	DIR	ECT COSTS	P	3	
			FT	PT	T
1999 REVISED BUDGET:	\$	4,456,840	61	3	
<ul> <li>1999 ONE-TIME REQUIREMENTS:</li> <li>Contractual professional legal services related to the sale of ATU</li> </ul>		(160,000)			
AMOUNT REQUIRED TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS IN 2000:					
- Salaries and benefits adjustment		71,320			
TRANSFERS TO/FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS: - None					
MISCELLANEOUS INCREASES/(DECREASES): - Other long term debt reduction		(5,880)			
1999 CONTINUATION LEVEL:	\$	4,362,280	61	3	0
BUDGET REDUCTIONS:					
- Savings from restructuring of the department		(301,920)	(4)	(1)	
NEW/EXPANDED SERVICE LEVELS: - None		0	o		
2000 BUDGET:	\$	4,060,360	57 FT	2 PT	0 T

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: LAW ADMIN

PROGRAM: Administration

#### PURPOSE:

Oversee all departmental activities; provide policy guidance; and perform centralized financial management, procurement, client billing, and clerical support functions. Provide direct case management assistance, consultation and clerical support pursuant to execution of all civil law functions.

#### 1999 PERFORMANCES:

- Performed mandated executive support functions and served as principal legal advisor to the Mayor and Municipal Assembly.

- Continued upgrade of the department's current local area network to achieve Municipal operating standards.

- Administered code update services contract.

- Performed centralized financial management, procurement, client billing, and other department-wide administrative support functions.

- Monitored all legal service contracts.

- Assisted client agencies in preparation and processing of requests for Assembly action.

- Provided support for 1999 legislative efforts and assisted in formulating 2000 legislative package.

#### 2000 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

- Finalize departmental restructuring for efficiency and effective representation.

- Perform mandated executive support functions and serve as principal legal advisor to the Mayor and Municipal Assembly.

- Administer code update services contract.

- Perform centralized financial management, procurement, client billing, and other department-wide administrative support functions.

- Provide MIS coordination and function as control point for information technology problems and planning for the department.

- Monitor all legal service contracts.

 Assist client agencies in preparation and processing of requests for Assembly action.

- Provide support for 2000 legislative efforts and assist in formulating 2001 legislative package.

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: LAW ADMIN

PROGRAM: Administration

RESOURCES:

			<b>199</b> 8 FT	REVI PT	ISED T	1999 FT	REV. PT	ISED T	<b>20</b> 00 FT	BUDGET PT T	
	PERSO	NNEL:	3	0	0	3	0	0	4	0 0	
		PERSONAL SERVICES SUPPLIES OTHER SERVICES CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$		140 400 550 700	\$		,480 400 ,720 850	\$	316,980 400 44,390 850	
	TOTAL	DIRECT COST:	\$	293,	790	\$	377	450	\$	362,620	
	PROGRA	AM REVENUES:	\$	8,	200	\$	8	200	\$	8,200	
		RES: F MOA code riptions			135			135		135	
	Client	agencies served act counsel files			104 50			104 50		104 50	
-	Procur	rement/contract is processed		1,	600		1,	600		1,600	
. <b>-</b>		: billings			700			700		700	

<sup>19</sup> SERVICE LEVELS ARE FUNDED FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THIS PROGRAM HAS LEVELS: 1, 5

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: PROSECUTION

PROGRAM: Prosecution

#### PURPOSE:

Prosecute misdemeanor and traffic offenses under the Anchorage Municipal Code. Effective prosecution includes aiding the police investigation; evaluating and filing charges; conducting criminal trials; enforcing conditions of probation; writing motions and appeals; and assisting victims.

#### 1999 PERFORMANCES:

- Provided for the prosecution of misdemeanor and traffic offenses committed within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area.
- Continued aggressive community outreach program.
- Continued aggressive policies and procedures relative to the prosecution of DWI and Domestic Violence.
- Identified, implemented and maintained numerical filing system.
- Expanded pretrial diversion alternative for Driving While License Suspended cases resulting in placing licensed and insured drivers in the community.

#### 2000 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

- Provide for the prosecution of misdemeanor and traffic offenses committed within the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area.
- Continue aggressive community outreach program.
- Continue aggressive policies and procedures relative to the prosecution of DWI and domestic violence.
- Continue to maximize pretrial diversion alternative for Driving While License Suspended cases resulting in placing licensed and insured drivers in the community.
- Implement comprehensive in-house trial training for newly hired Assistant Prosecutors.
- Implement restorative justice project seeking to address victim and community concerns regarding criminal behavior.

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: PROSECUTION

PROGRAM: Prosecution

RESOURCES:	1998 REVISED FT PT T	1999 REVISED FT PT T	2000 BUDGET FT PT T
PERSONNEL:	35 0 0	35 2 0	32 2 0
PERSONAL SERVICES SUPPLIES OTHER SERVICES DEBT SERVICE CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 1,895,400 14,130 71,080 7,840 12,350	\$ 2,074,560 14,130 71,140 5,880 9,950	\$ 1,922,740 14,130 61,830 0 9,680
TOTAL DIRECT COST:	\$ 2,000,800	\$ 2,175,660	\$ 2,008,380
PROGRAM REVENUES:	\$ 54,500	\$ 54,500	\$ 54,500
WORK MEASURES: - Counts screened - Counts filed - Trial appearances - Documents prepared/ processed - Pretrial Diversion Prog. # of participants - Pretrial Diversion hrs. of public work service performed	13,150 11,620 455 15,973 585 12,064	15,123 13,363 524 18,371 673	15,123 13,363 524 18,371 673 13,779
<ul> <li>Follow-up investiga- tions conducted</li> </ul>	788	828	828

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DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: CIVIL

PROGRAM: Civil Law

#### PURPOSE:

Provide for the delivery of legal services to all Municipal agencies, utilities, and the Municipal Assembly; and manage the litigation of all civil actions to which the Municipality of Anchorage is party as either defendant or plaintiff.

#### 1999 PERFORMANCES:

- Retained in-house litigation expertise in the areas of risk management, public safety civil liability, employment law, real estate, and business law.
- Continued aggressive adjudication efforts with regard to enforcement of the DWI vehicle impound/forfeiture ordinance.
- Continued to upgrade the division's local area network facility to current Municipal operating standards.
- Performed a variety of general advisory and consultation services in direct support of all Municipal agencies and utility functions.
- Continued ongoing efforts to reduce costs of outside litigation.
- Provided support for 1999 legislative efforts and assisted in formulating 2000 legislative package.

#### 2000 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

- Retain in-house litigation expertise in the areas of risk management, land use, constitutional law, public safety civil liability, employment and labor law, public utility law, real estate, and business law.
- Continue aggressive adjudication efforts with regard to enforcement of the DWI vehicle impound/forfeiture ordinance.
- Perform a variety of general advisory and consultation services in direct support of all Municipal agencies and utility functions.
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DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: CIVIL

PROGRAM: Civil Law RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL:	1998 REVISED FT PT T 20 0 0	1999 REVISED FT PT T 20 0 0	<b>2000 BUDGET</b> FT PT T 19 0 0
PERSONAL SERVICES SUPPLIES OTHER SERVICES CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 1,278,830 17,900 324,880 50,100	\$ 1,256,070 17,900 385,530 48,400	\$ 1,278,490 17,900 201,300 48,400
TOTAL DIRECT COST:	\$ 1,671,710	\$ 1,707,900	\$ 1,546,090
PROGRAM REVENUES:	\$ 343,700	\$ 343,700	\$ 343,700
WORK MEASURES:  - Total bankruptcy & non-bankruptcy collections - Billable hours posted to clients & areawide - Open litigation/matters files (avg./month) - Contract and Assembly documents processed - Docketed attorney assignments	950,000 21,000 1,900 980 520	950,000 21,000 1,900 980 520	950,000 21,000 1,900 980 520
<ul> <li>DWI impound/forfeiture: vehicles impounded</li> </ul>	1,700	1,037	1,037
<ul> <li>DWI impound/forfeiture: vehicles auctioned</li> </ul>	270	214	214
<ul> <li>DWI impound/forfeiture: of vehicles towed</li> </ul>	1,950	1,787	1,787

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DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: HEARING OFFICER

PROGRAM: Administrative Hearing Functions

#### PURPOSE:

Provide for the initial adjudication of Municipal code violations utilizing an administrative hearing officer in lieu of securing redress through state court proceedings.

#### 1999 PERFORMANCES:

- Provided Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of complaints filed under AMC Title 14.
- Provided Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of Anchorage Transportation Commission appeals.

- Provided Administrative Hearing Officer to adjudicate Department of Finance appeals.

- Provided Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of citations issued under the curfew, possession of tobacco products and other Title 8 violations.
- Provided Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of pawnshop disputes.
- Provided Adminstrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of matters referred by the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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- Provide Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of matters referred by the Municipal Clerk's Office.
- Provide Administrative Hearing Officer for adjudication of citations and administrative decisions issued by Animal Control.

DEPARTMENT: MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY DIVISION: HEARING OFFICER

PROGRAM: Administrative Hearing Functions RESOURCES:

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	PERSONNEL:	FT 2	PT 0	T 0	FT 3	PT 1	T 0	FT 2	PT 0	T 0
	PERSONAL SERVICES SUPPLIES OTHER SERVICES CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	8,	330 030 020 850	\$	7,	940 000 590 300	\$	6,	220 330 420 300
	TOTAL DIRECT COST:	\$	140,	230	\$	195,	830	\$	143,	270
-	MEASURES:  I/M complaints received  DWI impound/forfeiture			50 0			50 0			50 0
-	complaints received Case files maintained (avg./mo.)			600			600			600
~	Zoning complaints received			250			250			250
-	Hearings conducted Curfew and Possession of Tobacco citations received			250 800		2,	300 000			300 000
-	Other complaints received			200			200			200

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