

Chapter 2.12

CITY ATTORNEY

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- A. Legal Services. Legal counsel services for the City of Benton City, Washington, shall be provided through a professional services contract with an attorney, or a firm or attorneys, qualified to practice law within the State of Washington, which shall be designated as the City Attorney.
- B. Duties of the City Attorney.
1. The City Attorney shall advise all City officers, elected officials and City employees on all legal matters pertaining to the business of the City, and shall approve all ordinances, resolutions and contracts as to form. The City Attorney shall represent the City in all actions brought by or against the City or against City officials or employees in their official capacity, unless the City Attorney is disqualified as a result of a conflict, specialized legal services are required, or unless otherwise directed by the City Council.
 2. In addition to the duties prescribed by the laws in the State of Washington and as set forth above, the City Attorney shall:
 - a. Attend all regular or special meetings of the City Council unless excused by the City Council or Mayor;
 - b. Draft or approve all ordinances, resolutions, contracts, leases, conveyances and other such instruments as may be required by the business of the City;
 - c. Attend other regular or special meetings of the City Boards or Commissions as requested by the City Council or the Mayor; and
 - d. Provide other legal services to the City as directed or requested by either the Mayor or the City Council.

- C. The City Council shall approve an individual or law firm to be designated as the City Attorney, and by contract, identify the terms, conditions and compensation for such services.
- D. Professional liability insurance required. In lieu of the posting of any bond, the City Attorney shall maintain in full force and effect a policy of professional liability insurance. (Ord. 826, February 2008; Ord. 390 SI (part), 1981.)