

Law Department

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The Law Department provides legal assistance and counsel to the City departments, as well as the Board of Public Works and Safety, the Redevelopment and Community Development Commissions, the Board of Parks and Recreation, and Mishawaka Utilities and its Divisions: Electric, Water and Wastewater Treatment.

The Law Department represents the City in code enforcement hearings, provides legal support to the efforts of the Police and Fire Departments, reviews matters in all departments to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations; and it counsels department heads on employment issues, and reviews contracts.

The department's ongoing efforts to protect taxpayer dollars includes answering complaints and claims, responding to lawsuits and EEOC filings, working to minimize the City's exposure from future lawsuits, and managing ongoing litigation.