

## CHAPTER 20

### CITY ATTORNEY

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**20.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.** The Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Attorney and assistants to serve at the discretion of the Council. The City Attorney and assistants shall receive such compensation as established by resolution of the Council.

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

**20.02 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 shall prosecute or defend all actions and proceedings when so requested by the Mayor or Council.

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

**20.03 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, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.04 REVIEW AND COMMENT.** The City Attorney shall, upon request, make a report to the Council, City Manager and Mayor, giving an opinion on all contracts, documents, resolutions, or ordinances submitted to or coming under the City Attorney's notice.

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

**20.05 PROVIDE LEGAL OPINION.** The City Attorney shall give advice or a written legal opinion on City contracts and all questions of law relating to City matters submitted by the Mayor, Council Members or City Manager.

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

**20.06 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.** The City Attorney shall attend meetings of the Council.

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

**20.07 PREPARE DOCUMENTS.** The City Attorney shall, upon request, formulate drafts for contracts, forms and other writings which may be required for the use of the City.

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

