

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	FUNCTION	1046
APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 3,407,127
FRINGES		\$ 1,040,618
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$ 4,447,745</u>
REVENUE		\$ 409,370
NET		<u><u>\$ (4,038,375)</u></u>

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Corporation Counsel

Division #05-1046

Goals

To provide comprehensive legal services to the Mayor, Common Council, Comptroller, City departments, agencies, the Board of Education and Buffalo Sewer Authority, the Buffalo Water Board and the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority.

Activities

1. Acts as counsel to the Mayor, Comptroller, Common Council, City departments, agencies, the Board of Education, Buffalo Sewer Authority, the Buffalo Water Board and the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority.
2. Prosecutes and/or defends all actions or proceedings brought by or against the City and its agencies.
3. Studies, reviews and submits opinions to City and its agencies.
4. Prepares reports and/or resolutions requested by the Common Council or its committees.
5. Prepares and approves as to form, ordinances and local laws.
6. Keeps informed on the conduct and operations of all franchised public utilities.
7. Reviews and prepares all bargaining contracts or memoranda of agreement with employee representatives.
8. Examines and approves title to all real property acquired by the City, conducts condemnation proceedings on land requires for public use and prepares papers and proceedings of sale of City owned property.
9. Advises on the taxability of property, defends Certiorari proceedings on assessment reductions, collects delinquents taxes through foreclosures, and prosecutes for monies due the City; prepares foreclosure sale at public auction.
10. Examines accounts receivable, particularly in the areas of back taxes and demolition costs, and makes efforts to collect outstanding monies on behalf of the City. Processes and investigates all claims against the City, past due accounts of all City departments, and various employee claims which are paid from the Judgement and Claims account.
11. Collects reimbursements on 207 A and C distributions. Collects and prosecutes claims for property damage to City owned property.

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Work Program Statistics

	Actual 2016-2017	Projection 2017-2018	Estimate 2018-2019
Litigation Matters	2,000	2,300	2,500
Contract Transactional Matters	4,200	6,250	6,500
In REM-Court Cases Heard	3,200	3,500	4,000
Housing Court Cases Heard	1,050	4,200	4,500
Tax and Assessment	425	440	450
Board of Education	195	205	210
Claims-New for Fiscal Year	925	940	1000
Land Use and Development	305	515	550
Labor	800	955	975
_Adm-Legal Options	450	550	575



City of Buffalo
 Adopted Budget 2018-2019
 General Fund

	2016-2017 Actual Amount	2017-2018 Adopted Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget	2017-2018 Year To Date 6/7/2018	2018-2019 Adopted Budget
1046 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE TOTAL	3,372,693.62	3,601,500.00	3,671,688.92	2,538,128.57	3,407,127.00
10546001 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERV PS	2,107,455.13	2,414,405.00	2,414,405.00	1,765,685.94	2,396,416.00
411001 ANNUAL SALARY	2,050,703.41	2,355,880.00	2,355,880.00	1,730,886.76	2,330,841.00
412002 HOURLY SALARY	12,929.78	15,000.00	15,000.00	2,498.64	18,000.00
413001 OVERTIME	1,905.47	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,124.21	1,000.00
414001 LONGEVITY	15,075.00	15,325.00	15,325.00	15,104.04	18,075.00
414007 PERFECT ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE	17,735.43	18,200.00	18,200.00	878.89	18,500.00
414028 VACATION BUYOUT	4,720.34	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,722.40	6,000.00
415001 AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE	4,385.70	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,471.00	4,000.00
10546004 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERV TR	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00	200.00
458001 TRANSPORTATION	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
458002 MEALS & LODGING	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	100.00
458003 REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEES	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
10546005 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERV SP	18,846.52	21,395.00	21,436.76	16,671.91	22,288.00
461001 OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,575.86	3,000.00	3,041.76	2,776.21	3,000.00
461400 POSTAGE	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	25.00
464000 PERIODICALS	15,270.66	18,345.00	18,345.00	13,895.70	19,263.00
10546006 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERV SV	1,246,391.97	1,163,800.00	1,233,947.16	755,770.72	988,223.00
432002 MEDICAL SERVICES	11,558.81	12,000.00	11,540.00	2,599.17	12,000.00
432003 LEGAL SERVICES	921,022.66	850,000.00	878,539.78	655,052.12	648,000.00
432004 ENGINEER & TECHNICAL SERVICES	14,371.56	25,000.00	63,966.80	28,837.11	25,000.00
455000 PRINTING & BINDING	1,536.58	800.00	628.08	0.00	800.00
455100 INTERNAL PRINT SHOP	719.88	1,000.00	2,508.82	2,048.82	1,200.00
456000 OTHER SERVICES	297,182.48	275,000.00	276,763.68	67,233.50	301,223.00

BUDGET PROJECTION 21819 CITY OF BUFFALO ANNUAL BUDGET 2018-2019

ORG	OBJECT PROJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT ADJ BUDGET	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PERCENT CHANGE
10546001411001	LAW	PS ANNUAL SAL	2,355,880.00	.00	2,330,841.00	-1.06
	1000-05-1046-0000-1-00-0-40-411001-	CORPORATION COUNSEL IO 67 STP 5	1.00	127,345.00	127,345.00	
		SR DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL IO 34 STP 5	1.00	101,950.00	101,950.00	
		TYPIST @ STEP 5	1.00	39,666.00	39,666.00	
		A 002				
		LEGAL SECRETARY - 4 @ STEP 5	3.00	47,725.00	143,175.00	
		A022				
		LEGAL INVESTIGATORS - 2 @ STEP 5 A032	2.00	50,782.00	101,564.00	
		ASSIST CORP COUNSEL I MUN ATT @ STEP 17 A077	1.00	74,788.00	74,788.00	
		ASSIST CORP COUNSEL I MUN ATT @ STEP 16 (A-1) 077	3.00	72,833.00	218,499.00	
		ASSIST CORPORATION COUNSEL II @ STEP 17 (A-1) 088	2.00	94,944.00	189,888.00	
		DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL I061	1.00	97,403.00	97,403.00	
		PARALEGAL ASSISTANT A047 STEP 5	.00	.00	.00	
		PARALEGAL ASSISTANT @ Step 17 A047	1.00	55,883.00	55,883.00	
		ASSIST CORPORATION COUNSEL II - 1 @ STEP 17 (A-1 88)	1.00	94,944.00	94,944.00	
		ASSIST CORPORATION COUNSEL II - 1 @ STEP 17 (A-1 88)	1.00	94,944.00	94,944.00	
		LEGAL SECRETARY @ STEP 17 (A-22)	1.00	47,725.00	47,725.00	
		ASSIST CORP COUNSEL I MUN ATT - 2 @ STEP 15 (A-1 77)	2.00	70,954.00	141,908.00	
		SENIOR SPEC ASST CORP COUNSEL (I133)	1.00	52,377.00	52,377.00	
		ASSIST CORPORATION COUNSEL II (6 @ STEP 5 - A 088)	4.00	94,944.00	379,776.00	
		ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL II/POLICE @ STEP 16 A088	1.00	91,923.00	91,923.00	
		SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO CORP COUNSEL IO 10	1.00	42,845.00	42,845.00	
		DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS (I109)	1.00	96,449.00	96,449.00	
		SECRETARY TO OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS I010	1.00	42,845.00	42,845.00	
		ASSIST CORPORATION COUNSEL II / FIRE (1 @ STEP 5 - A 088)	1.00	94,944.00	94,944.00	
		BUDGET CEILING:			2,355,880.00	
		TOTALS:	2,355,880.00	.00	2,330,841.00	-1.06

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION	FUNCTION	1052
APPROPRIATIONS	\$	144,647
FRINGES	\$	61,790
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$	<u>206,436</u>
REVENUE	\$	21,400
NET	\$	<u><u>(185,036)</u></u>

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
Administrative Adjudication
Division #05-1052

Goals

The department continues to strive toward improving and expanding our job performance through updated technology, streamlined operations and improved tracking and measurement functions. Additionally, we will strive toward improving quality of life issues by working with issuing departments to effect proper issuance of summonses and enforcement capabilities.

1. Work with MIS to include Administrative Adjudication in Project IPAD. This project will provide IPADs and Printers to ticket writers that will be mounted in their vehicles, thereby creating electronic summonses and photos that will be automatically downloaded into the Adjudication System nightly. This would alleviate the necessity for pre-printed paper summonses saving the City thousands of dollars annually and will greatly streamline operations improving the efficiency of our office. This project will eliminate manpower hours spent scanning and verifying summonses and photos affording our staff with more time to address constituent calls and process hearings and payments. Furthermore, the fast turnaround will allow our department and the respondent to resolve the violation sooner, improving the quality of life in the neighborhood.
2. Continue to set up and conduct training sessions with issuing officers on the proper issuance of summonses with a goal toward improving the effectiveness of the summonses, improving compliance of violations and hearing outcomes.
3. Work with MIS and the City Clerk's Office to address unregistered dog violations and re-implementing the automatic issuance of summonses for nonrenewal of dog licenses.

Activities

1. Purchase, maintain, inventory and distribute Adjudication summonses to various city departments, including Street Sanitation, Police, License, Inspections, Dogs and Fire.
2. Update summonses as necessary to ensure that changes to fine structures and ordinances are accurate.
3. Research ordinances and work with issuing departments to update ordinances for municipal code violations.
4. Coordinate enforcement of municipal code violations with Public Works, Fire, License, Inspections, Dogs and Police Departments and other departments as appropriate.
5. Process summonses issued by various city departments in accordance with legal requirements, to include data entry and completion of service requirements of summonses.
6. Compile and maintain complete and accurate records relating to all charges, dispositions and associated activities relating to summonses.
7. Process late notices and answer all relevant phone, walk-in or mail inquiries regarding summonses.
8. Process and research payments of fines; reconcile payment errors from treasury and process appeal payments, appeal refunds and transfers and refunds for overpayment of summonses.
9. Accept pleas, set up and conduct hearings of Adjudication summonses issued for city code violations, including coordinating of appearances of witnesses, police officers and ticket writers as necessary to improve disposition of hearings.

Administrative Adjudication
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10. Research illegal dumping allegations, compile information from witnesses and issuing officers, and coordinate attendance at hearing of witnesses, issuing officers, attorneys and Corporation Counsel.
11. Process appeal applications and conduct hearings before an Appeals Panel.
12. Enter and process notices for failure to appear at scheduled hearings.
13. Research Mayor's Call & Resolution Center complaints and respond to same as appropriate.
14. Maintain Tote Waiver system, including processing tote waiver applications and supporting documents and coordinating issuance of tote waiver stickers with Public Works.
15. Work with various departments to collect outstanding judgments from In Rem foreclosure, to include collecting outstanding judgments from individuals purchasing properties at auction.
16. Work with Mercantile Adjustment Bureau with regard to referrals of outstanding summonses.
17. Research mail returns without forwarding addresses.
18. Work with MIS on proper operation of various operating systems within department, including updating technology to meet needs of department.
19. Compile status and budgetary reports as necessary.
20. Perform general office functions, including payroll entry, requisition entries and/or research and tracking of purchase orders and other accounting tasks, including balancing mercantile billings.

**Administrative Adjudication
Division #05-1052**

Work Program Statistics

Once a summons has been issued, the issuing department turns the summons over to Administrative Adjudication for handling. The Adjudication department processes and maintains the summonses and supporting documents, handles all phone inquiries, correspondence, payments, refunds, hearing requests, hearings, appeals, late notices, complaints, council requests, and collection efforts. Following are the work program statistics for our department:

Summonses Issued and Revenues Received during FY by Issuing Department:

Issuing Department	2016-2017 Actual		2017-2018 1st Half		2018-2019 Estimate	
	Summonses Issued	Revenues Received*	Summonses Issued	Revenues Received*	Summonses Issued	Revenues Received*
Street Sanitation	2,638	157,117	1,366	109,735	2,600	165,000
Police Department	14,364	564,046	4,645	338,082	10,000	450,000
License Department	53	9,333	11	6,103	50	9,000
Inspections Department	2,222	96,912	1,536	116,126	2,200	125,000
Dog Summons (Exp License)	10	940	14	350	100	2,000
Fire Prevention	16	600	12	1,150	20	1,500
TOTALS:	19,233	\$ 828,948	7,584	\$ 571,541	14,970	\$ 752,500

*Revenues Received are actual revenues collected during fiscal year.

**Increase reflects anticipated summonses that will be issued for Failure to Renew Dog Licenses.

**Administrative Adjudication
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Notices Generated:

	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 1st Half
Summons Notice	18,747	8,358
First (Late Notice)	12,139	6,202
Alertograms	10,141	5,057
Final Notices	6,275	6,244
Hearing Notices	3,738	3,332
FA Notices	1,064	858
TOTALS	52,104	30,051

Number of Appeals Heard	47	44
Number of Summonses Adjudicated (Hearings Held)	3,623	3,655
Tote Waiver Applications Processed	115	52
Collection Referrals	10,366	10,397
Number of Summons Payments Processed	7,628	4,961
TOTALS	21,779	19,109



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1052 ADMIN ADJUD DIV GENERAL OFC TOTAL	118,076.33	170,078.00	175,908.00	115,000.98	144,646.50
10552001 LAW ADJUD PS	100,263.48	149,798.00	149,798.00	100,363.79	122,984.50
411001 ANNUAL SALARY	81,449.08	119,036.00	119,036.00	85,715.92	100,972.00
412002 HOURLY SALARY	3,437.50	7,590.00	7,590.00	8,245.00	8,800.00
413001 OVERTIME	12,242.88	20,000.00	20,000.00	5,013.83	10,000.00
414001 LONGEVITY	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00
414007 PERFECT ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE	586.34	600.00	600.00	14.04	612.50
414028 VACATION BUYOUT	1,172.68	1,197.00	1,197.00	0.00	1,225.00
10552005 LAW ADJUD SP	189.96	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
461001 OFFICE SUPPLIES	189.96	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
10552006 LAW ADJUD SV	17,622.89	20,030.00	25,860.00	14,637.19	21,412.00
434003 COLLECTION AGENCY FEES	10,160.63	15,000.00	15,000.00	8,658.19	15,000.00
443400 EQUIP MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	1,331.00	1,290.00	2,445.00	1,304.00	1,297.00
455000 PRINTING & BINDING	5,995.00	3,610.00	8,285.00	4,675.00	4,990.00
455100 INTERNAL PRINT SHOP	136.26	130.00	130.00	0.00	125.00

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CITY OF BUFFALO
ADOPTED BUDGET REQUESTS

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BUDGET PROJECTION 21819 CITY OF BUFFALO ANNUAL BUDGET 2018-2019

ORG	OBJECT PROJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT ADJ BUDGET	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PERCENT CHANGE
10552001411001		LAW ADJUD PS ANNUAL SAL	119,036.00	.00	100,972.00	-15.18
	1000-05-1052-0000-1-00-0-40-411001-	ASSIST DIR ADMIN ADJUDICATION A064 -	1.00	63,688.00	63,688.00	
		STEP 5				
		LEGAL SECRETARY A022 - STEP 11	.00	.00	.00	
		TYPIST - A002 - STEP 13	1.00	37,284.00	37,284.00	
		BUDGET CEILING:			119,036.00	
		TOTALS:	119,036.00	.00	100,972.00	-15.18

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