

1.5.506: LITIGATION:

A. Pursuant to the requirements of City Charter and this chapter, the City Attorney shall have the responsibility to represent the City, its boards and commissions, officers and employees, as applicable, in connection with all litigation arising under claims brought pursuant to this article.

B. The City Attorney shall have the authority to settle litigation up to **two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00)**, with settlements up to ~~one~~**five hundred thousand dollars (\$1500,000.00)** having the prior approval of the Claims Review Board, and settlements over ~~one~~**five hundred thousand dollars (\$1500,000.00)** with the prior approval of City Council. **For settlements of police use of force litigation only, the City Attorney shall have the authority to settle litigation up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), with settlements up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) having the prior approval of the Claims Review Board, and settlements over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) with the prior approval of City Council.** Nothing herein precludes the City Attorney from exercising discretion in presenting any settlement, regardless of amount, to the City Council for prior approval.

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E. In addition to the monthly litigation report, the City Attorney shall be responsible for providing a litigation settlement report to the City Council, Mayor, Risk Manager, and to the Utilities Chief Executive Officer for litigation cases pertaining to Utilities for all cases which have been settled without the prior knowledge of City Council pursuant to the requirements of this chapter. **Litigation settlement reports prepared by the City Attorney shall be protected by the attorney-client and attorney work product privileges.** (Ord. 11-18; Ord. 18-41)