

Assistant City Attorney

Focused Role Outline

I believe that as the City evaluates increasingly complex issues related to land use, permitting, code enforcement, and development agreements, it is important that our legal team includes dedicated subject-matter expertise in these areas. I see this role as directly supporting both our staff and the Commission in ensuring that City actions are consistent, defensible, and aligned with applicable law.

Core Areas of Focus

1. Land Use & Zoning Law

I want this role to provide clear guidance on Comprehensive Plan interpretation and amendments, nonconforming use analysis, variances, special exceptions, and rezoning matters. I also believe it is important to understand and advise on state preemption impacts on local land use authority.

2. Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

I expect this position to support permitting decisions, code enforcement procedures, compliance pathways, and life safety matters. I also see this role helping ensure consistency across departments so that staff is not working in silos.

3. Development Agreements & Procurement

I believe this role should provide legal structure and oversight for RFQs, RFPs, development agreements, amendments, and assignments. My expectation is that City interests are clearly protected in long-term agreements.