

CHAPTER 143 - Department of Law

143.01 - DUTIES.

- (a) The City Attorney will perform all acts necessary to accommodate the City in the performance of its functions as a Charter City and will perform such other duties consistent with powers of the City Attorney, which are prescribed by Charter, Council or Ordinances of the City.
 - (b) The City Attorney will provide advice and legal representation to the City and all elected and appointed officials and employees of the City, in their official capacities, in any litigation in which the City and/or elected and appointed officials and employees, in their official capacities, are parties.
 - (c) The City Attorney will be available at all times to advise elected and appointed officials of the City regarding official matters. The City Attorney or assistant will attend all regular and special Council meetings and all sessions of Mayor's Court. The City Attorney or assistant will, upon request, attend meetings of the Boards or Commissions and meetings of Council Committees.
 - (d) The City Attorney will prepare all contracts, bonds and other instruments in which the City is concerned; render opinions to City officials pertaining to City business, provided such requests are reduced to and submitted in writing; and prepare, assist in preparation of, or review all ordinances, resolutions and other legal documents pertaining to the business of the City.
- (Ord. No. [0046-2016](#), § 1(Exh. A), 6-6-16)

143.02 - RESPONSIBILITIES NOT LIMITED BY CHAPTER.

The responsibilities conferred by this Chapter are in addition to any other duties and responsibilities conferred by Federal law, State statute or Municipal ordinance, and nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to modify or limit such authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of any officer or public official as may be provided by law.

(Ord. No. [0046-2016](#), § 1(Exh. A), 6-6-16)

143.03 - ~~FULL-TIME POSITION~~LAW DIRECTOR.

The Department of Law shall be headed by the City Attorney as set forth in Article X, Department of Law, of the Charter of the Municipality of Gahanna. Council hereby ~~determines that~~reestablishes the position of the City Attorney shall be a full-time position commencing January ~~1~~2, 2020.

(Ord. No. [0046-2016](#), § 1(Exh. A), 6-6-16)

143.04 - COMPENSATION.

Council hereby determines that effective January 2, 2020 the salary for the position of the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed in the amounts and on the effective dates declared below:

Effective January 2, 2020: Seventy-Five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per annum, payable at regular pay periods.

Effective January 2, 2021: Seventy-Six thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$76,875) per annum, payable at regular pay periods.

Effective January 2, 2022: Seventy-Eight thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$78,796) per annum, payable at regular pay periods.

Effective January 2, 2023: Eighty thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars (\$80,765) per annum, payable at regular pay periods.

~~Effective January 2, 2012, the salary for the City Attorney will be sixty five thousand five hundred sixty three dollars (\$65,563) per annum, payable at the regular pay periods, together with p~~Payment by the City to the public Employees Retirement System for the benefit of the office holder as prescribed by law shall also be made per annum, payable at regular pay periods. It is further stated herein that compensation means salary; and other items, such as staffing, office space, and/or hospitalization, if any, will be determined at a later time by Council.

(Ord. No. [0046-2016](#), § 1(Exh. A), 6-6-16)

143.05 - ASSISTANTS AND SPECIAL COUNSEL.

(a) The City Attorney is authorized to appoint assistants and special counsel who will perform such duties as directed by the City Attorney.

(b) Compensation for such assistants and special counsel will be paid from money appropriated by Council.

(Ord. No. [0046-2016](#), § 1(Exh. A), 6-6-16)