

Proposition J

Amending the Charter of the City of Victoria to clarify the powers and duties of the City Attorney.

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ARTICLE III. - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

Section 7. - Duties of city attorney.

~~The City Attorney and the legal department shall be the legal advisor for the city and all its departments and officers in the conduct of city business and shall represent the city in all legal proceedings; however, the City Council may retain special counsel at any time it deems necessary or advisable, or where contractual obligations otherwise require it. represent the City of Victoria in all litigation and controversies. The City Attorney shall and shall prosecute in person or by an assistant all cases brought before the Municipal Court. The City Attorney shall review all proposed ordinances and provide any legal objections to the City Council in writing. It shall be the duty of the City Attorney to approve in writing the form and legality of all proposed ordinances before adoption, or to file with the City Council in writing any legal objections to any such ordinances. The City Attorney shall draft all ordinances granting franchises, and in the event the City Attorney shall not approve any franchise ordinance as proposed by the City Council to be finally passed, the City Attorney shall file in writing with the City Council any legal objections to the ordinance. The City Attorney shall be the legal adviser and attorney for the Mayor and the City Council, the City Manager and all other officers and employees of the City with respect to any legal question involving an official duty or any matter pertaining to the affairs of the City of Victoria. The City Attorney shall inspect and pass upon all papers, documents, contracts, and other legal instruments in which the City may have an interest. The City Attorney shall perform such other duties and have such additional authority and responsibility as the City Council may direct. All powers and duties imposed on the City Attorney may be exercised and performed by any assistant under the direction of the City Attorney.~~

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