

City of Appleton – **Resolution #12-R-17**

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Referred to: Finance Committee

Whereas, the City Attorney is elected by the voters of Appleton,

And whereas, it is the responsibility of the City Attorney to uphold the constitution of the State of Wisconsin when performing duties of the job he/she is elected to,

And whereas, it is the duty of the Council and Mayor, also elected by the voters, to ensure that the citizens have the legal representation of the Attorney's office in all matters concerning the city,

And whereas, it is critical that the City Attorney be in a work environment that enables and prioritizes that responsibility,

And whereas, State Statute 62.09 (12) states that, "The attorney shall conduct all the law business in which the city is interested",

Therefor be it resolved, the Finance Committee, of which has jurisdiction over the Attorney's office, be charged with creating a policy that reaffirms the City Attorney conducts all legal work when discussing, negotiating, and drafting all agreements and law business the city is a party to, unless special counsel has been retained in circumstances that comply with city policy or State Statute.