



Department Source: Law  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2020  
Re: Appropriation of Funds for Litigation Expenses

## Executive Summary

An ordinance has been prepared to appropriate funds for litigation expenses.

## Discussion

An appropriation of funds is necessary in order to support the costs associated with retaining outside legal counsel to represent the City of Columbia in litigation. At the time the FY 2020 budget was prepared, there was a reduction in the Law Department miscellaneous contractual account and it was anticipated that the account would not contain adequate funds for the fiscal year. At this time, staff is requesting that additional funds in the amount of \$95,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unencumbered fund balance to the Law Department-Counselor Division miscellaneous contractual account.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Not applicable.  
Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
	None.

## Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds.