

ORDINANCE NO. 732

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood,  
Washington, relating to the Legal Department.

WHEREAS, the position of City Attorney is required by state law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Attorney to access certain criminal background information; and

WHEREAS, those responsible for providing access to such information refuse to do so without adoption of an ordinance repealing the City's statutory authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD,  
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That the position of City Attorney was created and established upon incorporation of the city in 1996. As detailed in state law, the city attorney shall advise the city authorities and officers in all legal matters pertaining to the business of the city and shall approve all ordinances as to form. He or she shall represent the city in all actions brought by or against the city or against city officials in their official capacity. He or she shall perform such other duties as the City Council by ordinance may direct.

Section 2. That, as required by state law, the City Attorney shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Manager. By this ordinance, the City Attorney is authorized to exercise law enforcement functions related to prosecution on behalf of the City.

Section 3. That the City Manager may also appoint Assistant City Attorneys as necessary and appropriate, including a City Prosecutor, who shall be responsible for the prosecution of all misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and infractions occurring within the City of Lakewood and contracted jurisdictions. The City Prosecutor shall answer to the City Attorney.

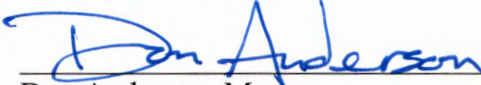
Section 4. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.


Section 5. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Attest:

  
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Don Anderson, Mayor

  
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Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney