



2017 ANNUAL REPORT: DEPARTMENT OF LAW

R. Todd Hunt, Esq. is the City's Director of Law. He and under his direction, the Public Law Group at the law firm of Walter | Haverfield LLP, are a dedicated team of strategic legal counselors and professional staff committed to serving the City of Richmond Heights by facilitating creative, customized solutions to municipal issues and problems, as well as defending the City in civil court actions. They have so served the City of Richmond Heights since 1995.

The Director of Law also supervises the prosecution of criminal misdemeanor offenses in the Lyndhurst Municipal Court. Michael E. Cicero of the law firm of Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper, LLC, has served as the City Prosecutor since August 2016. Mr. Cicero has a wealth of experience prosecuting for municipalities over many years and in the Lyndhurst Municipal Court which serves Richmond Heights.

Notable Accomplishments:

In 2017, the Department of Law continued to guide City officials through many legal issues with day-to-day advice to the Mayor, Council and Department/Division heads related to many municipal matters, employment and labor law advice, preparing legislation on a variety of matters, and defending the City in court actions. Throughout 2017, the City's Prosecutor continued to provide a high level of prosecution services to the City and its Divisions of Police and Building & Housing, including training and advice to police officers.

Moving Forward:

The Department of Law, under the leadership of R. Todd Hunt as Director of Law, will continue to provide the same high level of legal services to the City and all of its City officials as it has done over the past 21 years, focusing on legal assistance with the City's problem-solving, legal advice, litigation prevention, assertive defense of civil actions, and assertive prosecution of misdemeanor offenses.