

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Municipal Court and other City collections contracting analysis

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The City Council requests that the Municipal Court and the City Budget Office prepare an analysis of contracts related to bad debt collection entered into by the Municipal Court, as well as each other City department, including:

1. How many contracts are issued by each City department?
2. What is the duration of each contract?
3. What services are to be provided under each contract?
4. How many sub-contractors are retained and for what services?
5. What rates and fees are paid to contractors?
6. What are the comparative collection success rates for each contractor?
7. Is the court in particular, and City in general, following best practices for debt collection as practiced in other cities?
8. Are there new practices that could be employed?
9. Is the collections agency used by the court the same as other departments use or do we use multiple agencies throughout the City?

Discussion:

The City Council would like to know if the City is following best practices with respect to the collection of bad debts. The Council seeks a clear picture of with whom and how we collect bad debts, including a comparison of collection success rates among the contractor(s) and sub-contractors used by the Municipal Court, as well as other City departments.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety and Education

Date Due to Council: May 2, 2011