

Office of Hearing Examiner

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Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of the Office of Hearing Examiner is to provide the City's forum for: (1) deciding appeals from administrative decisions made by various City departments; and (2) holding public hearings to establish the record for certain City Council quasi-judicial decisions and to make recommendations to the City Council for those decisions.

Goals

- Conduct fair and impartial hearings in a timely manner.
- Issue decisions and recommendations in a timely manner.

Appropriations

Fund/Line of Business (in thousands of dollars)	Summit Code	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund					
Office of Hearing Examiner	V1X10	551	513	551	574
Department Total		551	513	551	574
Positions (in Full Time Equivalents)		5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80

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Appeals and Recommendations

Key Performance Targets

- Provide all appeal participants with fair, timely appeal hearings and accurate, objective decisions consistent with Seattle Municipal Code.
- Address 100% of appeals within the time specified; all recommendations provided to the City Council are addressed in timely manner by applicable ordinance.
- Provide 100% of appeal participants with timely hearing notices and the right to participate in the hearing.

Program Highlights

Continue to conduct fair and impartial hearings in all subject areas where the Seattle Municipal Code grants authority to do so. Currently there are over 50 such subject areas. It is expected that the Commission will hold 209 hearings in 2001 and 214 in 2002.

Continue to issue decisions and recommendations consistent with applicable ordinances.

Resources

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