

Budget Hearings

June 11, 2026

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



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ITEM(S)

(ID 26-691)

City Attorney's Office

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MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Budget Presentation

JUNE 11, 2026

City Attorney's Office FY 2027 Total Budget

Appropriation Type	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Amended	FY 2027 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 18,475,878	\$ 21,002,865	\$ 22,687,600	\$24,215,200
Non-Personnel	\$4,775,213	\$ 3,781,002	\$ 4,523,000	\$4,892,300
Interdepartmental	\$3,827,297	\$ 4,956,146	\$ 4,613,300	\$4,671,200
Total	\$27,078,388	\$29,746,013	\$ 31,865,900	\$33,778,700



City Attorney's Office FY 2027 Budgeted Positions

Section	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2026 Amended	FY 2027 Changes	FY 2027 Proposed
Legal Proceedings	67.00	76.00	78.00	2.00	80.00
Code	111.75	115.00	115.00	(1.00)	114.00
Total	178.75	191.00	193.00	1.00	194.00

Notes

- Added one (1) City Attorney Investigator via the 2nd PAR Amendment @ 1.00 FTE
- Added one (1) Senior Paralegal via the 2nd PAR Amendment @ 1.00 FTE
- Made Whole – four (4) positions that were added in FY 2026 at .75 FTE



City Attorney's Office FY 2027 City Attorney's Services

TRANSACTIONS

Contracts
Procurement
Ordinances
Resolutions
Ethics Advice
Charter Analysis
CEQA
Land Use
Impact Fees
Taxes
Elections
Council Procedure
Commissions

LITIGATION

Public Records Act
Defense Litigation
Plaintiff's Litigation
Class Actions
Labor Advice
Employee Contracts
Employee Discipline
Investigations
PD Advice
Employment Advice
Labor PERB Defense

CRIMINAL & SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS

FMC Prosecution
Health & Safety Code
Violations
Wage Theft Prosecutions
Wage Theft Investigations

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Cultivations/Smoke Shops/CAPP
Eviction Protection Program
Rental Inspection/ASET
Illegal/Tire Dumping
CUP Enforcement
Motel Inspections
Vacant Buildings
Abatement
Demolitions
District Teams
School Area Team
Mobilehome Parks
Encampment Cleanups
Collections/Assessments
Illegal Tobacco Enforcement
Grant Administration
Vacant Lots
Night Team



City Attorney's Office FY 2027 City Attorney's Current Authorized Positions

Type	Number of Staff Allocated	Vacant Positions
Attorneys	42	2
Managers/Supervisors	17	1
Secretaries/Admin	24	1
Investigators	4	1
Paralegals	16	2
Accounting	5	0
Inspectors/Labor	86	10
Total	194	17

*Temp Staff: Three Law Clerks and Two Services Aides

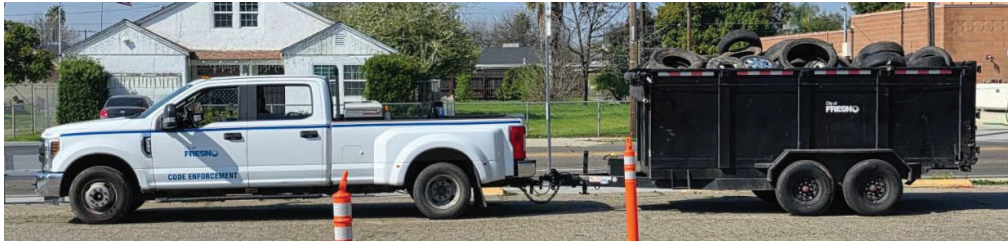


City Attorney's Office State Grants

Item	2026 Proposed
State:	
Waste Tire Clean-Up	\$100,000
Tire Waste Amnesty	\$26,500
Waste Tire Enforcement	\$201,800
Tobacco State Grant	\$248,500
Workers Rights Grant	\$166,800

Notes:

- Waste Tire Clean-Up – TCU21-26-00**
 - Grant Performance 10/2026 – 10/2028
- Tire Waste Amnesty – TA8-25-00**
 - Grant Performance 10/2025 – 10/2027
- Waste Tire Enforcement – TEA33-25-00**
 - Grant Performance 07/2026 – 06/2027
- Tobacco State Grant**
 - Grant Performance 11/2024 – 06/2028
- Workers Rights Grant**
 - Grant Performance 08/2025 – 07/2026



City Attorney's Office Eviction Protection Program (EPP)

EPP Service	FY 25 Total	FY 26 Total
Total Intakes	348	389
Total Intakes Referred to Outside Counsel	154	182

OUTCOMES

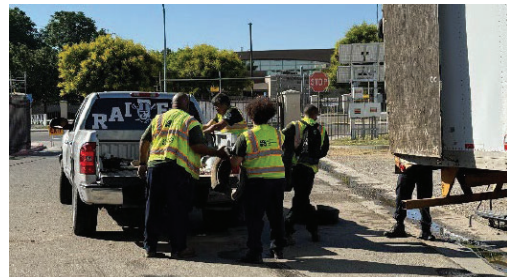
Extended Time for Move Out	136
Reduced Money Owed to Landlord	42
Cash for Keys Offer Negotiated	17
Tenant Able to Remain in Home	24
Prevented Unlawful Detainer on Client's Records	138
Removed Unlawful Detainer From Client's Records	12
Stopped Lock-Out	15

*Data from May 15, 2025 through May 15, 2026



City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement's Tire Amnesty Events

Amnesty Event Date/Location	Waste Tires Collected
Saturday October 18, 2025 Mennonite Community Church 5015 E Olive	539
Saturday Feb 28, 2026 Hanoian Shopping Center 4218 E Butler	1,430
Saturday May 9, 2026 Fresno EOC 1805 E California	409



City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Smoke Shop/Cultivation Investigations

Cannabis Administrative Prosecutor Program (CAPP)

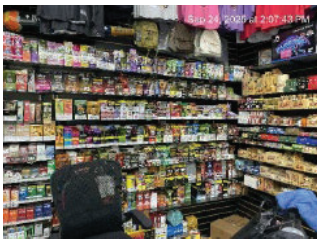
Total Inspections	94
Retail Smoke Shops	83 <i>(not including markets/other selling tobacco products)</i>
Cultivation Sites	18 <i>Commercial and Residential</i>
Notice and Orders	34
Total Citations Issued	14 citations for \$17,240,000
Total Funds Collected on Citations	\$59,000
Citations Pending Appeal Hearing	7
Citations Pending Settlement	2
Citations in Active Payment Plans	2
Citations Added to Tax Roll	2



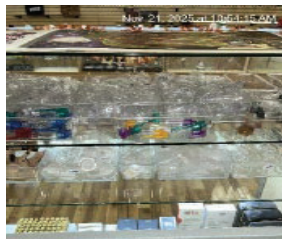
City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Smoke Shop Cases



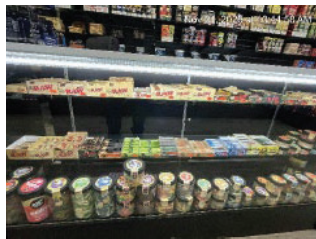
Smoke shop containing illegal tobacco products, gambling, cannabis, and unpermitted electrical



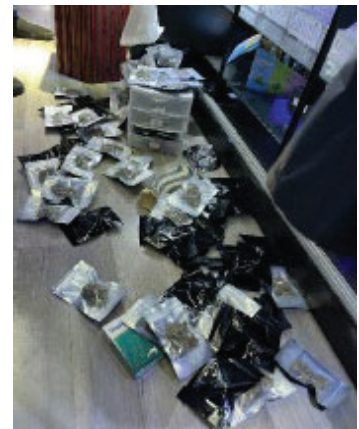
Smoke shop containing illegal tobacco products, illicit drugs, drug paraphernalia, and nitrous oxide



Smoke shop containing illegal narcotic paraphernalia, gambling records, and illegal tobacco products



Smoke shop with illegal cannabis retail operations, paraphernalia, nitrous oxide, and illicit drugs for sale



Smoke shop with illegal cannabis stored in hidden compartments, illicit drugs for sale, illegal tobacco sales, unpermitted wall added, unapproved electrical, gambling notes and payout sheets

City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Cultivation Cases



Illegal commercial cultivation site that spanned 4 rooms with illegal construction to support the cultivation



Illegal residential cultivation site that spanned 5 rooms with unpermitted electrical



Illegal commercial cultivation site that spanned 4 large rooms equipped with insulated walls, fans, lighting, CO2 canisters, fertilizer, water source, dehumidifiers, filters, venting, unpermitted and hazardous electrical panel, and unpermitted air conditioners



Illegal residential cultivation site that spanned indoors and outdoors



Illegal residential cultivation site with unpermitted insecticide usage, chemical storage, unpermitted electrical and ducting



City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Tobacco Enforcement Grant

	Tobacco Enforcement Grant				
	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2026	Winter 2026	Four Quarter Total
Total Education Visits	218	0	0	58	276
Total Stores Visited	111	311	266	38	726
Total Inspections	111	128	157	38	434
Total Minor Decoy Operations	0	5	10	0	15
Total Stores that Failed to Display a Valid Business License	40	78	49	11	178
Total Stores that Sold Flavored Tobacco	62	57	73	8	100
Total Stores Selling to Minors	0	2	1	0	3

The Tobacco Retailer Ordinance (Ordinance 2025-48 adding Chapter 9, Article 37 to the FMC), which requires all tobacco retailers to comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws, went into effect on December 18, 2025. These requirements include prohibitions on selling tobacco products to individuals under 21, restrictions on flavored tobacco sales, and other compliance measures.

CAO began issuing billing for violations on February 25, 2026. Since then, a total of \$9,229.37 in fines has been imposed, with \$3,036.64 collected within the first three months.



City Attorney's Office Code Enforcement Night Team

Night Team

Sidewalk Vendors

Written Warnings	75
Citations	59
Total Citation Amount	\$12,100

Mobile Vendors

Citations	60
Total Citation Amount	\$29,000

Total Closed Cases 1,060



City Attorney's Office Transactions Unit Highlights

- Over 3,364 Requests for Legal Services
- Council special projects
- Draft resolutions and ordinances/text amendments
- Advise on Requests for Legal Services and Administration projects
- Advise on in-house meetings and City bodies:
 - City Council
 - Planning Commission
 - Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission
 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - Council subcommittees and other bodies
- Advise on procurement matters
- Advise on bonding and other City financing issues
- Advise on ethics and conflicts issues
- Advise on development and construction, long-term infrastructure planning, and interagency agreements
- Manage and assist Transactions outside counsel
- Advise on preparation, environmental assessment, and administration of long-range specific plans for subregions within the City.
- Advise on funding and development of affordable housing developments consistent with state and federal programs.
- Advise on drafting and development of new local legislation.
- Advise on compliance with regional and state regulations including Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), Greenhouse Gas reduction, and state water conservation requirements.
- Advise on acquisition of property for City projects including Blackstone McKinley Grade Separation and El Dorado Park
- Advise on the disposition of City properties consistent with local and State regulations including the South Fulton properties (South Stadium) and 8th and Ventura.
- Advise on establishment and administration of special programs such as cannabis permitting/CUPS and entertainment districts.
- Advise on Climate Adaptation Plan and Environmental Justice updates to the General Plan.
- Advise on updates to infrastructure plans including Urban Water Management Plan and Active Transportation Plan.
- Advise on updates to administration of fee programs.



City Attorney's Office FY 2026 RLS Report

City Attorney's Office Workload

Calendar Year	Requests for Legal Services	Average Per Calendar Day
2021	2,443	6.69
2022	2,753	7.54
2023	3,048	8.35
2024	3,169	8.68
2025	3,092	8.47
2026	3,364 (as of 6/8/26)	9.84



City Attorney's Office **Criminal Cases and Motions**

Motions

Weapons Forfeiture- 26 (all 26 closed)
Pitchess-12 (10 closed 2 ongoing)
Return of Property- 4 (3 closed 1 ongoing)
Pet. for Dismissal- 3 (3 closed)
Total Motions- 45

Criminal Cases

- 2,088 Criminal Cases Open
- 196 Criminal Cases Closed



City Attorney's Office Litigation Cases

Case Status	FY 25	FY 26
Litigation Cases Opened	188	218
Litigation Cases Ongoing	132	180
Litigation Cases Closed	56	38



City Attorney's Office Civil Case Statistics 2023-2026

Adjudicated Cases	Count
Disposed where the City Resolved the matter for \$0	120
Disposed where the City Resolved the matter for under \$50,000	51
Disposed where the City Resolved the matter for \$50,000 - \$250,000	15
Disposed where the City Resolved the matter for \$250,000 – \$500,000	4
Disposed where the City Resolved the matter for over \$500,000	5
Cases where the City was the Recipient of an Award	Award Amount
Adventure Church	\$186,000
Shell Oil	\$230,000,000
Sebastian	\$142,000

*Other notable ruling: Preliminary injunction protecting \$250,000,000 in federal grant funding for Housing and Transportation



City Attorney's Office FY 2026 PRA Report

City Attorney's Office Workload

Calendar Year	Requests for Public Records	Average Per Calendar Day
2021	2,602	7.1
2022	3,924	10.8
2023	4,748	13.0
2024	6,217	17.0
2025	7,488	20.5
2026	7,810 (as of 5/31/26)	23.32



City Attorney's Office FY 2026 Workers Rights Enforcement Cases

Category	Criminal	Civil	Total Employers (# of Employees)
Claimant Intakes	0	89	89
Investigations Opened	0	22	22 (58 employees)
Investigations Pending	0	6	6
Investigations Closed	0	18	18
Prosecutions Filed	0	0	0
Convictions	0	0	0
Civil Filings	0	3	3 (33 employees)
Judgements Obtained	0	0	0
Restitution Ordered	0	0	0
Restitution Collected	0	2	\$28,477.16
Total Amount Sought			\$886,595.68



Questions or Comments?

