

Municipal

Kerr Russell possesses substantial experience across the entire spectrum of municipal law. We understand the state and federal government mandates that affect cities and public agencies. Our attorneys handle drafting legislation, local ordinance issues, zoning and land use decisions, and represent municipalities across Michigan in state and federal courts. We have successfully defended local governments in lawsuits involving civil rights claims, employment issues, land use and zoning cases, police liability and virtually every type of liability claim pursued against governmental entities in state or federal courts.

Clients can rely on Kerr Russell to provide you with the legal advice and representation you need to accomplish the objectives of your local government. The hallmark of our municipal practice is protecting the interests of municipalities and local governments. Kerr Russell understands that management and governing is complex and time-consuming. We help local governments resolve matters quickly so that they can continue to shape policy objectives and focus on their communities. Our attorneys have been called upon to present to municipal organizations and bar associations on issues affecting government entities.

We assist our municipal clients with their legal needs, including:

- City ordinance preparation and revision
- Internal policies and procedures
- Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings matters
- Personal injury
- Premise liability claims
- Employment claims
 - Violations of the Whistleblower Act
 - Age discrimination
 - Race discrimination
 - Disability discrimination
 - Retaliation
 - Sexual harassment
- Police Practices and Policies
- Civil Rights matters (42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims)
 - Use of force
 - Conditions of jail/prison confinement
 - Equal protection of laws
 - Substantive and procedural due process
 - Searches and seizures
 - Free speech/press/religion

- Retaliation

- Litigation
- Appeals
- Legislation
- Contracts
- Land use and zoning
- Real estate
- State and federal employment law compliance
- Federal agency