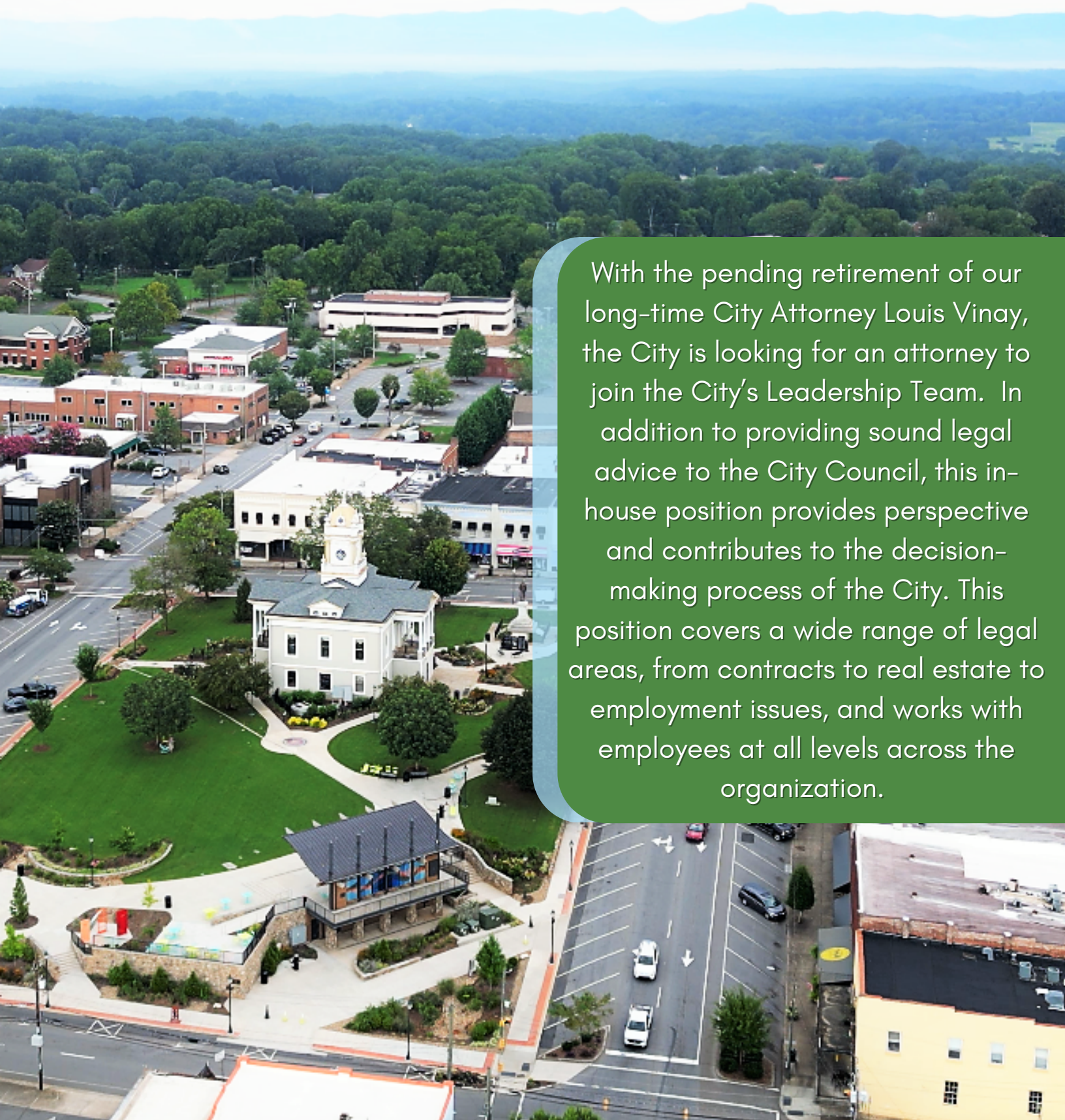


Morganton is seeking a dynamic, legal professional to serve as
City Attorney



With the pending retirement of our long-time City Attorney Louis Vinay, the City is looking for an attorney to join the City's Leadership Team. In addition to providing sound legal advice to the City Council, this in-house position provides perspective and contributes to the decision-making process of the City. This position covers a wide range of legal areas, from contracts to real estate to employment issues, and works with employees at all levels across the organization.

Who we Are



The City of Morganton is a vibrant and energized city of 18,000 located in the foothills of North Carolina. We offer scenic rural landscapes and abundant outdoor adventure opportunities, which makes us “Nature’s Playground”. Our downtown district is the hub for cultural arts, local breweries and restaurants, and shopping. The natural beauty and downtown atmosphere is matched with a can-do spirit of an innovative local government, which has a history of making things happen to actively shape the future. Morganton operates under the Council-Manager form of government. We are unique compared to other municipalities our size, with our own high-speed internet and cable TV provider, municipal auditorium, and renowned recreational facilities as well as Water, Wastewater, and Electric utilities. We are currently in the process of creating our IMAGINE Morganton 2040 comprehensive land use plan. We are actively shaping our future and exciting things are yet to come!



What we Need

- An **attorney well-versed in municipal law**, able to guide the City's legal position, and willing to work across a wide range of areas.
- A **"sounding board" willing and able to contribute different opinions and considerations** as well as a legal perspective on a wide variety of issues.
- A **collaborative teammate** who is flexible, patient, and enjoys working in an open structure and open-door environment.
- A **partner to build strong relationships** with Councilmembers, employees, and the public;
- A **forward-thinking leader** who looks beyond what we can't do and keeps moving to focus on what can be done.
- A **skilled communicator** who can tailor their message to the specific audience they are addressing to ensure understanding.

Qualifications

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree and from an accredited law school with a Juris Doctor; and licensed to practice law in North Carolina.
- Experience representing a NC municipal corporation and knowledge of pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, statutes, and case is strongly preferred.
- By North Carolina law, the City Attorney serves at the pleasure of the City Council.



What you can Expect



The chosen candidate will work with a team of committed professionals who look for ways to say yes! The City has a long history of partnering with citizens, developers, and other public agencies to find solutions and meet the vision and plans of our community. You will have the opportunity to earn the respect of your coworkers through your expertise, teamwork, and commitment. The position of City Attorney is part of the Executive Department, but readily moves through numerous topics and works with fellow employees at all levels of the organization. The City has a team culture to help find solutions and answers quickly. Cross-functional communication is the way we operate – teamwork is our hallmark.

- Providing legal advice and assistance to the City Council, City Manager, Department Heads, and City employees, on statutes, ordinances, regulations and procedures.
- Drafting and review of contracts, deeds, easements, and other legal documents;
- Work on pending litigation—discovery, conferences with counsel, trial preparation, etc.
- Use of GIS and Register of Deeds websites for research on property issues.
- Conferences with City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Development & Design Director and others on economic development issues and strategic planning.

Take the Next

Step

Morganton offers a competitive employment contract, salary commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications and experience, and participation in the benefit programs, including participation in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (NCLGERS) and the NC State Health Plan.

If you are interested in exploring this great opportunity, please complete an application at <https://www.morgantonnc.gov/jobs>.

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