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DILK TO SAVE \$70,000 IN NEW LEGAL REFORM
Total Initiative Savings Approaching \$200,000

Beech Grove Mayor Terry Dilk's administration is on pace to save taxpayers nearly \$70,000 in legal fees this year in the next phase of the mayor's extensive legal reform initiative.

Since taking office on January 25, the Mayor has spent only \$15,000 on his department of law, on pace to end the year with only \$30,000 invested in the department. By way of contrast, in 2010, under the previous mayor, the city spent nearly \$100,000 in legal fees; that number was \$219,000 in 2007.

The city no longer has lawyers prepare standard resolutions, attend routine council or commission meetings, or perform administrative tasks better suited to in-house staff.

"This is common-sense, conservative reform that is streamlining our local government and saving taxpayers money," Mayor Dilk said.

Previous legal reform efforts include:

- Cancellation of a federal lobbying contract, saving taxpayers over \$43,000 per year
- Reform of the city court, which will pay for itself this year, at minimum. It had been losing about \$83,000 per year before Mayor Dilk convened a bipartisan working group to reduce costs and focus the budget.

In total, the Mayor's legal reform initiative has saved Beech Grove taxpayers at least \$196,000 per year.

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