

## **Customer Service Standards**

STANDARDS	COMMITMENTS
Treat customers with dignity and respect	<ul> <li>Acknowledge the uniqueness of each individual and their specific needs</li> <li>Genuinely listen, speak respectfully and be accountable for words and actions</li> <li>Be patient, understanding and courteous</li> </ul>
Provide the most accurate and appropriate information	<ul> <li>Take time to clarify the customer's needs</li> <li>Be knowledgeable about city resources</li> <li>Determine appropriate referral staff</li> </ul>
Be timely and responsive to our customers	<ul> <li>Acknowledge messages by the close of the next business day</li> <li>Provide an estimated time to customer for follow-up</li> <li>Keep email/voicemail messages updated with out-of-office messages and resources</li> </ul>

