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ARTICLE 129  
City Solicitor

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CROSS REFERENCES

Approval of bonds for Transient Merchants: Sect. 303.05

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129.01 APPOINTMENT

As provided in Section 3.02D of the Home Rule Charter, the Solicitor, who shall be an attorney-at-law or a firm of attorneys, shall be appointed by Council. He shall serve at the pleasure of Council. (Ord. 1 of 1976, Art. V, Sect. 1.00, Passed 1-5-76)

129.02 DUTIES TO COUNCIL

The Solicitor shall advise Council and the Manager, or any City officer so requested by the Manager, upon all legal questions arising in the conduct of the affairs of the City. He shall prepare or revise ordinances when requested to do so by Council or the Manager, and he shall give a written opinion on any legal matter or question submitted by Council or the Manager. He shall attend Council meetings when requested by Council. (Ord. 1 of 1976, Art. V, Sect. 1.01, Passed 1-5-76)

129.03 DUTIES TO CITY

The Solicitor shall prepare for execution all contracts and instruments to which the City is a party and approve as to form all bonds required to be submitted to the City. He shall represent the City in all legal actions brought by or against the City, and he shall adjust, settle, compromise or submit to arbitration any action or course of action, accounts or other matters, in which the City is involved, as directed by Council. He shall report to Council and to the Manager all pending litigation in which the City has an interest and the status of that litigation. (Ord. 1 of 1976, Art. V, Sect. 1.01, Passed 1-5-76)

129.04 RECORDS AND OTHER DUTIES

The Solicitor shall keep records and deliver all records, documents and property of every description in his possession, pertinent to his work as City Solicitor, to his successor in office. He shall perform all other legal services pertaining to City matters requested by Council or the Manager. (Ord. 1 of 1976, Art. V, Sect. 1.01, Passed 1-5-76)

#### 129.05 WATER LIENS

The Solicitor is specifically authorized and directed to take, from time to time as he may be directed by Council, the necessary legal steps for the filing in the office of the Prothonotary of Venango County, Pennsylvania, liens upon properties in the City of Franklin which have been furnished water from the municipal water plant of the City and for which water service the property owners have failed, after due demand and notice, to make payment to the City. (Ord. 769, Sect. 1, Passed 4-22-35)

#### 129.06 BOND

From the time of his appointment but before entering into the duties of his position as City Solicitor, the Solicitor shall give bond with two or more sureties or with a Surety Company authorized by law to act as surety, a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. The bond is to be approved by Council and to be conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of his position. Should Surety Company bonds be required, the cost of the same may be borne by the City. (Ord. 747, Sects. 1 and 2, Passed 2-1-32)

#### 129.07 ASSISTANT SOLICITORS

Council may appoint one or more Assistant Solicitors. (Ord. 1 of 1976, Art. V, Sect. 1.02, Passed 1-5-76)