

ARTICLE VI. TOWN SOLICITOR

Sec. 1. Appointment.

There may be a town solicitor who may be appointed by a majority of the town council to serve co-terminus with the Town Council or until duly replaced by a newly sworn in town council.

(Amend. of 11-4-2014)

Sec. 2. Qualifications.

The town solicitor shall be an attorney-at-law in good standing who has been admitted to the practice of law by both the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island and by the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island at least three years prior to his appointment with preference given to a qualified elector of the town. He shall not hold any other office in the town government except that of acting judge of probate when so necessary.

(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)

Sec. 3. Compensation.

The town solicitor shall not be required to devote full time to the duties of his office. He shall receive such compensation as shall be set by the town council.

(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)

Sec. 4. Duties.

(1) The town solicitor shall be the attorney for the town and legal advisor to the town administrator, town council, and all other departments except the school department, offices and agencies of the town. He shall appear for and protect the rights of the town in all actions, suits or proceedings, civil or criminal, in law or equity, brought by or against the town or for or against any of its departments, officers or agencies and shall perform such other duties appropriate to his office as the town administrator and town council may require.

(Amend. of 11-2-2010)

(2) The town solicitor shall examine and approve the forms of all ordinances and resolutions and the forms of all invitations for bids, contracts and other legal documents sent out by any department, office or agency of the town.

(3) All written legal opinions furnished to the town administrator, the town council and all departments, offices and agencies of the town shall be filed with the town clerk and become a public record.

(Amend. of 11-3-87)

Sec. 5. Special powers.

This article shall not be deemed to abridge such special powers as are now or hereafter

conferred upon town solicitors by state law.
(Amend. of 11-3-87; Amend. of 11-2-2010)