

**Chapter 7**

**ATTORNEY**

**§ 7-1. Appointment; compensation.**

**§ 7-2. Powers and duties.**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge 12-26-75 by Ord. No. 700 as Section 2-2 of Chapter II of the 1975 Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Section 7-2D amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III. Other amendments noted where applicable.]**

**§ 7-1. Appointment; compensation.**

The Borough Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council for a term of one (1) year. He shall be an attorney at law of New Jersey, but need not be a resident of the borough. The Attorney shall receive such fixed salary as found in the Salary Ordinance, but also shall be paid such retainer as may be agreed upon and authorized by the Council. Such fees and charges as shall be deemed reasonable shall be paid upon submission in accordance with Chapter 15, Claims, Payment of.

**§ 7-2. Powers and duties.**

The Borough Attorney shall have such powers and perform such duties as are provided for the office of Borough Attorney by general law or ordinances of the borough. He shall represent the borough in all judicial and administrative proceedings in which the municipality or any of its officers or agencies may be a party or have an interest. He shall give all legal counsel and advice where required by the Mayor and Council or any member thereof and shall, in general, serve as the legal advisor to the Mayor and Council on all matters of

borough business. In furtherance of such general powers and duties, but without limitation thereto, the Borough Attorney shall:

- A. Draft or approve as to form and sufficiency all legal documents, contracts, deeds, ordinances and resolutions made, executed or adopted by or on behalf of the borough.
- B. With the approval of the Mayor and Council, conduct appeals from orders, decisions or judgments affecting any interest of the borough as he may in his discretion determine to be necessary or desirable or as directed by the Mayor and Council.
- C. Subject to the approval of the Borough Council, have power to enter into any agreement, compromise or settlement of any litigation in which the borough is involved.
- D. Render opinions in writing upon any question of law submitted to him by a majority of the Mayor and Council with respect to their official powers and duties and perform such duties as may be necessary to provide legal counsel to the Mayor and Council in the administration of municipal affairs.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code: see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III.