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Opinion Letter No. 275
Answered by L. J. Gardner

Honorable Earl L. Schlef
State Representative
1672 Maldon Lane
Dellwood, Missouri 63136

Dear Representative Schlef:

This is in answer to your question whether an alderman of a fourth class city is entitled to any increase in pay during his term of office.

Section 79.270, RSMo, is as follows:

"The board of aldermen shall have power to fix the compensation of all the officers and employees of the city, by ordinance. But the salary of an officer shall not be changed during the time for which he was elected or appointed."

Section 79.270 may be said to implement Article VII, Section 13 of the Missouri Constitution, which reads as follows:

"The compensation of state, county and municipal officers shall not be increased during the term of office; nor shall the term of any officer be extended."

Very truly yours,

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