

June 27, 1969

OPINION LETTER NO. 307

Honorable Charles E. Valier
Representative, Sixty-Ninth District
407 North Eighth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dear Representative Valier:

This is in response to your letters of June 13, 1969, requesting my opinion as to the authority of the City Counselor of the City of St. Louis to issue an opinion interpreting the Urban Redevelopment Law (Chapter 353 RSMo) and its implementing ordinances (Chapter 29, St. Louis City Ordinances). The City Counselor's opinion was issued to the Municipal Business Development Commission of the City of St. Louis.

The Office of City Counselor is created by Article X of the St. Louis City Charter. Section 2 of Article X of the Charter among other things directs the City Counselor to advise all officers of the City as to all legal questions affecting the City's interest. Chapter 31 of the St. Louis City Ordinances creates the Municipal Business Development Commission as an office of the city government. Therefore, the City Counselor may properly render his opinion on the meaning and effect of the Urban Redevelopment Law, Chapter 353 RSMo and ordinances adopted in implementation thereof.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General