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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUGUSTA

August 22, 1934.

Honorable Edgar E. Rounds
City Councilman
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Rounds:

You have asked the opinion of this office concerning the duties and powers of the City Council of Portland, with respect to the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Portland.

The third paragraph of Section 1 of Article 2 of the City Charter specifically constitutes the City Council the Overseers of the Poor, and empowers the Council to perform all duties required of Overseers of the Poor for cities, by statute or otherwise.

The language of the paragraph appears to be all embracing and to admit of no exceptions. Accordingly, as I read the Charter, the only exception appears to be in the case of the Secretary to the Overseers of the Poor who is appointed by the City Manager, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Very respectfully yours,

Attorney General

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