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March 11, 1966

Merritt P. Fitch
Sheriff of Hancock County
Ellsworth, Maine

Dear Sheriff Fitch:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 10th asking if a Deputy Sheriff may serve on the town or city council of any town or city in the state.

I have examined previous opinions of this office on the question of incompatibility of positions and find no opinion covering this question. I can find nothing that would indicate that there is any incompatibility between being a deputy sheriff and being a member of a town or city council under the general law. I might point out that there could be some provision within the charter of a city or town which might change this situation. I am not passing on the question as it relates to a specific city or town charter. That question would have to be resolved by the attorney who handles the city or town's legal affairs.

Very truly yours,

George C. West
Deputy Attorney General

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