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July 16, 1969

Mr. Worman P. Kenney Treasurer County of Waldo R.F.D.#3 Belfast, Maine

Dear Mr. Kenney:

I have your letter of July 14 in which you ask if there is any conflict of interest between the offices of County Treasurer and Tax Assessor in the City of Belfast. This is not possible for this office to completely determine inasmuch as this office does not have the opportunity to closely study the city charter of the City of Belfast.

I am enclosing copy of a letter on this general subject which this office wrote in February 1968. Although the letter pertains to a question of conflict between the office of County Treasurer and member of the Board of Selectmen, it should be borne in mind that the selectmen of a town are also tax assessors. I would believe that the same result might be reached in comparing the positions of County Treasurer and Tax Assessor of a city.

I might also suggest that the County Attorney and the City Solicitor collaborate in checking the Revised Statutes and the city charter to make a determination as to whether or not there are any instances where a conflict of interest could arise.

Very truly yours,

George C. West Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Waldo County Commissioners