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From: John Rodolico
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Eileen Duggan
Cc: Mark Bancroft; Judith Flemming; Law Clerk; Erin O'Leary; Roxanne Maher
Subject: RE: Setting Compensation for the Mayor

Eileen

Thank you for your prompt response. I will pass this information to the town council.
All the best for the New Year.

John

From: Eileen Duggan [<mailto:eduggan@sswbgg.com>]
sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 4:24 PM To: John Rodolico
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John —

You presented the following issue'

"The Town Council has requested guidance regarding setting compensation for the Mayor. State statute stipulates that municipal CEO's may be compensated once, midway through the term of office, It is unclear if this statute has been revised and remains in effect."

Rather than a statute, Article XIX of the Connecticut Constitution (amending Article XI), passed in 1982, governs this issue. Article XIX provides:

Section 2 of the article eleventh of the constitution is amended to read as follows: Except as provided in this section, neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state shall pay or grant to any elected official of the state or any political subdivision of the state, any compensation greater than the amount of compensation set at the beginning of such official's term of office for the office which such official holds or increase the pay or compensation of any public contractor above the amount specified in the contract. The provisions of this section shall not apply to elected officials in towns in which the legislative body is the town meeting, The compensation of an elected official of a political subdivision of the state

whose term of office is four years or more may be increased once after such official has completed two years of his term by the legislative body of such political subdivision. The term "compensation" means, with respect to an elected official, such official's salary, exclusive of reimbursement for necessary expenses or any other benefit to which his office would entitle him.

Article XIX remains in effect as written above, As the elected Mayor in Ledyard serves a four year term, compensation may be increased only once after the completion of two years of a term,

If you have any further question on this, please contact me or Attorney Erin O'Leary (271-2276) who performed the background research on this issue.

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Thanks-
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