



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 108

RESOLUTION

R – 2023

Introduced by the Administration on June 28, 2023

Appointment of John F. “Jack” Gross as City Solicitor

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, SECTION 309, Appointment by the Mayor, of the Home Rule Charter States in part: The Mayor shall appoint: One City Solicitor. Any person so appointed shall hold office unless removed during the term for which the Mayor is elected and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Four (4) affirmative votes of Council, at each Mayor's term, shall be necessary for confirmation. The City Solicitor is required to be reappointed and reconfirmed by the majority of Council and is required to be either a resident of Allentown and/or be a taxpayer prior to their appointment. The Mayor may also appoint one or more assistant solicitors as are necessary and approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor Matt Tuerk hereby submits John F. “Jack” Gross, Esquire, for consideration and confirmation for the position of City Solicitor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby approves the appointment of John F. “Jack” Gross, Esquire as City Solicitor at an annual salary of \$70,000.

SECTION 309 Appointment by the Mayor.

The Mayor shall appoint:

- A. One City Solicitor. Any person so appointed shall hold office unless removed during the term for which the Mayor is elected and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Four affirmative votes of Council, at each Mayor's term, shall be necessary for confirmation. The City Solicitor is required to be reappointed and reconfirmed by the majority of Council and is required to be either a resident of Allentown and/or be a taxpayer prior to their appointment. The Mayor may also appoint one or more assistant solicitors as are necessary and approved by Council. **[Amended 11-5-2002]**
- B. All members of boards, authorities and commissions, over which he has the power to appoint. The majority of Council shall be necessary for confirmation, except where otherwise provided by state statute.

SECTION 701 Qualifications and responsibilities.

[Amended 5-18-2021 (1-6-2021 by Ord. No. 15667)]

- A. The Mayor shall appoint a City Solicitor who shall be a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and experienced in municipal law. The City Solicitor, as the Head of the Legal Department, shall serve as chief legal advisor to the Mayor and all City departments and agencies, represent the City in all legal proceedings to which the City is a party, and shall perform such other duties prescribed by law, by this Charter and by the City Administrative Code.
- B. The Mayor shall have the power, if needed, to engage other temporary Solicitors to represent the City as the need may be. Such appointments shall be temporary and shall be for the purpose of representing the City in specific legal matters.
- C. City Council may appoint legal counsel to serve as City Council Solicitor to provide City Council with legal advice.
- D. The City Solicitor shall direct and control the legal matters of the City.