

File No. 9662.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, February 26, 1909.

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Edgar Allan Poe, Esq., SUBJECT: City employees doing outside work.  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

For your information, and by direction of His Honor, the Mayor, I forward the enclosed correspondence, with the request that you report on the same, in duplicate.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. S. Goldsborough,  
Mayor's Secretary.

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OPINION.

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, March 1, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

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I have considered the inquiry, sent by the Mayor's Secretary at the request of the Secretary of the State Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors, in reference to the right of a city employee, whilst discharging the duties of his city office, to be "at the same time engaged as a Master Electrician, contracting for and doing electrical work which he is required to personally supervise".

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I can find no provision of law which forbids a city employee from engaging in work of this character. Of course, the head of the department can require an employee to devote all of his time exclusively to the discharge of the duties of the city office during office hours, and can make such other reasonable regulations as would be calculated to advance the public interests.