

File No. 14052

Baltimore, February 17, 1912.

Hon. S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

158 In reply to yours of February 16th, asking for an opinion as to whether it would be proper for the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to work his men more than eight hours during the Democratic National Convention, I beg to advise you that Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1908, page 613 provides as follows:

"That eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen or mechanics, who may be employed by or on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, which may arise in time of war or in cases where it may be necessary to work more than eight hours per calendar day, for the protection of property or human life", etc.

The Act further provides for a fine of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$50.00 for every violation of the provisions of the Act.

In view of this statute I am of the opinion that the Street Cleaning Commissioner is forbidden to employ his men over eight hours a day, except in time of war or in cases for the protection of property or human life, and unless either of these contingencies arise during the Democratic National Convention it would be unlawful for the Commissioner to employ his men over the specified hours constituting a day's work.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Alexander Preston,
Deputy City Solicitor.

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