

# HOUSE . . . . No. 759

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By Mr. Blake of Gardner, petition of Oscar R. Anderholm (mayor), members of the city council and others relative to the salaries of the mayor and city council of the city of Gardner. Cities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF GARDNER.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sec-  
2 tion eleven of chapter one hundred and eighteen of  
3 the acts of nineteen hundred twenty-one, as amended  
4 by section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-four  
5 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, the  
6 mayor of the city of Gardner shall receive for his serv-  
7 ices such salary as the city council by ordinance shall  
8 determine, not exceeding four thousand dollars a year,  
9 and he shall receive no other compensation from the  
10 city. His salary shall not be increased during the year  
11 in which the increase is voted, nor shall it be diminished  
12 during the term for which he is elected.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of said  
2 section eleven of said chapter one hundred and eight-

3 een, as so amended, the city council of said city may,  
4 by a two thirds vote of all its members, taken by call  
5 of the yeas and nays, establish a salary for its mem-  
6 bers, not exceeding five hundred dollars each a year.  
7 Such salary may be reduced, but no increase therein  
8 shall be made to take effect during the year in which  
9 the increase is voted.

1 SECTION 3. There shall be placed upon the official  
2 ballot to be used at the biennial municipal election in  
3 said city in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven  
4 the following questions: —

5 Question (1). "Shall the mayor of this city receive  
6 for his services such salary as the city council by  
7 ordinance shall determine, not exceeding four thou-  
8 sand dollars?"

9 Question (2). "Shall the city council of this city be  
10 authorized to establish, by a two thirds vote of all its  
11 members, a salary for its members not exceeding five  
12 hundred dollars each?"

13 If a majority of the votes in answer to Question (1)  
14 is in the affirmative, then section one of this act shall  
15 take full effect, but not otherwise.

16 If a majority of the votes in answer to Question (2)  
17 is in the affirmative, then section two of this act shall  
18 take full effect, but not otherwise.