

November 21, 2002

**Mrs. Deborah Woodlee
City Recorder
P.O. Box 70
Gruetli-Laager, TN 37339**

Re: Gruetli-Laager Police Department

Dear Mrs. Woodlee:

You have requested MTAS to review the general law mayor-aldermanic charter to determine if the Town of Gruetli-Laager is required to have a police department. Please be advised that MTAS has reviewed the charter, and it does not require the town to have a police department.

Many small cities in Tennessee that are governed by the general law charter do not have police departments. In those situations, the County Sheriff provides police protection, either under his Constitutional duty as the chief law enforcement officer for the whole county, or by contract to provide a higher level of police protection that may be desired by the city.

Please contact me if I may provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

**Don Darden
Municipal Management Consultant
The University of Tennessee (MTAS)**