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Dear Mr. Parham:

By your letter of February 3, 1987, you have asked for the opinion of this Office on the following question: Does a county council under the council-administrator form of government have the authority to appoint an internal auditor, or does that appointment power fall solely within the authority of the county administrator?

This Office has reviewed exhaustively the relevant statutes concerning appointment of county personnel in counties utilizing the council-administrator form of government in Ops. Atty. Gen. dated April 9, 1986 and January 8, 1987, copies of which are enclosed. The reasoning in those opinions would be applicable to the instant question. Thus, we concur with your conclusion that appointment of the internal auditor would be within the purview of the county administrator rather than county council.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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