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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 Re: Applicability of Uniform Traffic Act to Parking Areas**

Hon. Henry B. Richardson, Jr.  
Recorder  
City of Sumter  
P. O. Box 1716  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is in reply to your correspondence to this office and our recent telephone conversation pertaining thereto. The substance of your question seems to be whether Sumter law enforcement officials have the authority to issue tickets for improper backing under the terms of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic when the locale is confined strictly to a parking lot area.

While Section 46-492 of the Code covers limitations on backing of vehicles, you have pointed out that Section 46-288 provides that this act shall only apply to the operation of vehicles on highways (except in certain situations inapplicable here). I, therefore, am of the opinion that you are correct in your view that the act would not apply in the aforementioned situation.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Taylor, III  
Assistant Attorney General

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