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The Honorable Harold G. Worley Member, House of Representatives P. O. Box 296 N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29597-0296

Dear Representative Worley:

In your letter and attachments of June 24, 1994, you asked whether a Home/Property Owners Association, organized as a nonprofit corporation under § 33-31-10, et seq., S. C. Code of Laws, Ann., 1990, could provide their Board of Directors with additional powers through the enactment of corporate by-laws. Section 33-31-100 enumerates ten (10) specific powers possessed by every corporation chartered under that article. Specifically, these corporations have the power to:

[M]ake bylaws not inconsistent with any existing law for the management of its property or the regulation of its affairs.

<u>S. C. Code</u>, § 33-31-100(10).

Therefore, the Association can provide its Board of Directors with powers other than those enumerated in § 33-31-100 through the enactment of bylaws <u>provided</u> (1) the purpose of the bylaw is the management of the corporation's property or the regulation of its affairs and (2) the bylaw is not inconsistent with any existing law.

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I trust that this answers your question.

Sincerely, kale Buchanan Smith

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