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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina April 20, 1983

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Commission of Public Works of the Town of Summerville for purposes of the Commission obtaining a separate reporting number for social security.

Such commissions are created by § 5-31-210. An opinion referenced thereunder (1965-66 Ops. Atty. Gen. No. 2033, p. 109), citing numerous cases, states that a board of public works is a separate and distinct body from the governing board of the municipality of which it is located. The general provisions of § 5-31-210 are applicable to the Town of Summerville and its Public Works Commission. Accordingly, it is the opinion of this office that the Public Works Commission of the Town of Summerville is a separate and distinct body from the town itself. A prior opinion of this office dated December 16, 1974, appears to have been issued without knowledge of the provisions of § 5-31-210 and should be disregarded. Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington Senior Assistant Attorney General

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