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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Section 7 of Act No. 208 of 1975**

Mrs. Clara L. Bartlett
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Register of Mesne Conveyance
P. O. Box 192
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mrs. Bartlett:

In a letter to this Office you questioned whether the above provision, now codified as [Section 12-37-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976](#), requires a tax map number to be inserted on a deed prior to its recording.

Please be advised that in the opinion of this Office, [Section 12-37-100, supra](#), makes no such requirement. The section plainly states that ‘when any deed is recorded it shall be presented to the county assessor's office. . .’ Insertion of a tax map number on a deed prior to its being recorded is not required by the referenced provision. Further support for such determination is found in [Section 12-37-90\(a\), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended](#), which states that an assessor is required to ‘. . . maintain a continuous record of recorded deed sales transactions . . .’

I am also enclosing a copy of a previous opinion of this Office, 1977 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 77-241, p. 179, which further discusses the provisions of [Section 12-37-100, supra](#).

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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