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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina December 20, 1982

*1 Honorable M. Lois Eargle Member House of Representatives 422-D Blatt Building Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Eargle:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office as to whether or not a mayor is authorized to veto action taken by a municipal council, my opinion is that he is not so authorized. In all three forms of municipal government, the mayor is entitled to vote 'as other councilmen' [§ 5-9-30(3), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, as amended; see also, §§ 5-11-30 and 5-13-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, as amended] but he is not entitled to veto an action taken by a majority of the council. <u>Cf.</u>, S.C.CONST. art. IV, § 21.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson Deputy Attorney General

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