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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Burton Fire District.

The district was created by Act No. 566 of 1973. Its members are appointed by a majority of the Beaufort County Council and its function is to provide fire protection within its bounds. The governing board of the district has been invested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in section 3 of the aforesaid act. Funding for the district is provided by a tax levy on all taxable property within the district.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Burton Fire District is an integral part or agency of the county of Beaufort.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington
Assistant Attorney General

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