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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Murrell's Inlet-Garden City Fire District, and whether it is an 'employer' for social security purposes within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 9-5-30(2).

The District was created by Act No. 876 of 1966. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to provide fire protection and related services within its boundaries. The District has been vested 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 5 of the aforesaid Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Murrell's Inlet-Garden City Fire District is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' for social security purposes within the meaning of [Code Section 9-5-30\(2\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

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