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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Russell B. Shetterly
S. C. Association of Counties
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Dear Mr. Shetterly:

In response to your request for a clarification of this Office's opinion dated February 3, 1977, concerning the duties of council members, including the council chairman, under the council-administrator form of county government, the chairman cannot be given additional duties which would interfere with or duplicate the duties granted by the provisions of Act No. 283 of 1975, the 'home rule' legislation, to other county officials, whether elected or appointed. For example, a council chairman cannot be given additional duties which would require or result in his dealing with county employees since council members are prohibited by the language of Section 14-3745, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1962, as amended (Cum. Supp.), from having contact with county employees except through the administrator.

With kind regards

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