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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

July 27, 1977

\*1 Hon. Charles R. Shealy  
Clerk of Court  
Lexington County Courthouse  
Lexington, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Shealy:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether or not the Lexington County Council is authorized to regulate the hours during which all county departments, including those of elected officials, are open to the public. In my opinion, it is so authorized.

Section 4-9-30(7) empowers a county council:

(7) to develop personnel system policies and procedures by which all county employees are regulated except those elected directly by the people, . . . [Emphasis added.]

This language is most probably broad enough to allow a county council to set the hours during which county employees are to work and, this, indirectly, to regulate the hours during which county offices are open for business. While such a regulation cannot be construed to include an elected official because of the exception hereinabove emphasized, it does include the employees of elected officials.

I am enclosing herewith copies of earlier opinions which this Office has issued concerning the provisions of Section 4-9-30(7).  
Kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson  
Assistant Attorney General

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