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Dear Mr. Clardy:

Your letter to the Attorney General regarding courtesy summonses has been referred to me for reply. Thank you for your patience in awaiting our response.

You have asked whether a security officer of the Greenville-Spartanburg Jetport may issue courtesy summons tickets for violations of the traffic laws and rules and regulations promulgated by the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission. Section 55-11-210 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina generally authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules and regulations governing the area and further authorizes it to employ police officers 'to enforce all laws and the rules and regulations authorized in this section, and such officers shall be authorized to issue summonses for violations in the manner authorized for state highway patrolmen.' See Section 23-5-50.

As to whether a 'courtesy' summons could be issued in lieu of taking cash bail, such a practice appears to be available upon authorization from the Commission. Please see 1974 Op.A.G., No, 3894, p. 327, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.

I trust the preceding discussion adequately answer your question, however, if any further assistance is needed, please feel free to contact me.

With best regards, I am Very truly yours,

Richard P. Wilson Assistant Attorney General

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