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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina March 30, 1978

*1 Honorable Charles E. Bagnal Mayor Town of Aynor Aynor, SC 29511

Dear Mayor Bagnal:

This letter is to confirm my telephone conversation of March 29, 1978, with the Chairman of the Registration Board. You have informed me that a candidate for a special election for councilman in Aynor did not sign the candidate's pledge nor statement of candidacy at the time he filed for office. He did sign and hand deliver the pledge seven days after he filed for office.

Section 7-11-230, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, states in part that

[e]very candidate in an election, general, special or primary, shall make the following pledge . . . before he shall enter upon his campaign . . .

Once a candidate has filed for office, he has entered upon his campaign. Therefore, a candidate should file his pledge on the day that he files for office.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth Assistant Attorney General

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