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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 Ambulance Service Commission established by Richland County, Lexington County, and the City of Columbia in 1970.

The Commission was established in 1970 by a resolution signed by the governing bodies of the three entities listed above. Sometime later, Lexington County ceased to participate in the Commission, with the result that presently the Commission serves only Richland County and the City of Columbia. These two entities provide equal amounts for the funding of the Commission's operations. The Commission's members are predominantly appointed by governing bodies of Richland County and the City of Columbia, and its function is to provide emergency medical service by administering the terms of contracts with ambulance management companies. The Commission by the terms of the resolution has been vested with broad powers over the administration of ambulance service within the city of Columbia and within Richland County and the other municipalities thereof.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the aforesaid Ambulance Service Commission is an integral part of the city and the county equally.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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