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Dear Mr. McLendon:

Mr. McLeod has referred your recent letter to me. You have stated that the City of Marion is considering changing the method of election of city council from at large to single-member; you have asked if the procedure is governed by South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 5-15-30. The procedure for changing the method of election is governed by the above-cited Section. This Section requires a referendum to be submitted to the electorate to determine if the people desire to change the method of election. There is no provision which would authorize the municipality to pass an ordinance authorizing the change without the approval of the electorate.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth Assistant Attorney General

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