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State of South Carolina

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St. George, South Carolina 29477

Dear Chief Green:

This is in reply to your letter of April 23 concerning the authority of the mayor to preside over the municipal recorder's court.

Deputy Attorney General J. C. Coleman has rendered the opinion that the municipal recorder has exclusive power and authority as the presiding judicial officer of that court except at such times as he may be temporarily absent due to illness or disability (1971 Op.A.G. 46). During such periods of disability the mayor, mayor pro tempore or an alderman selected by the city council may preside over the court, Section 15-1005, 1962 Code of Laws.

I hope this will be of aid to you and if we may be of further assistance, please advise.

Yours truly,

Cameron B. Littlejohn, Jr.
Law Clerk

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