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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

July 15, 1975

\*1 Honorable Edward J. Smith  
Member  
House of Representatives  
Drawer 458  
Hartsville, SC 29550

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of July 1, 1975, requesting an opinion from this Office as to how far a lot owner's right of way extends into the shoreline has been referred to me for answer. In order to make an informed judgment as to where the owner's right of way extends, this Office would have to have a copy of a particular lot owner's deed. The general rule is, however, that the lot owner's right of way extends only to his property line unless the lake owner has dedicated the lake to public use or the lot owner has required an easement. If this Office can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

M. Elizabeth Crum  
Assistant Attorney General

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