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## \*1 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Legal Status of Urban Renewal Agency, City of Easley

Mr. Purvis W. Collins Director Retirement System ?? Main Street P. O. Box 11960

Dear Mr. Collins:

You have asked for an opinion as to the legal status of the employees working in the Urban Renewal Agency of Easley.

The autnority to hire the subject employees was given to the City of Easley by the council in a meeting held January 23, 1973. It is apparent from the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 1973, and from the meeting on January 29, 1973, that the subject employees were to be employed by the City of Easley and be paid from the funds given the City of Easley from HUD for Urban Renewal.

There has been no legislation nor other authority given such that the Urban Renewal Agency can be considered a separate bocy-politic and entitled to the benefits and privileges thereof. The subject employees are, in this office's opinion, employees of the City of Easley. On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that the employees of the Urban Renewal Agency are employees of the City of Easley.

Sincerely yours,

A. Camden Lewis Assistant Attorney General

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