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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 1973, inquiring whether Act No. 441, approved the 14th day of July, 1969, empowers the Dorchester County Council to, in actuality, hire enforcement personnel to give them the necessary authority to enforce the cited statute, or would it be necessary for the sheriff to employ such personnel.

Act No. 441 provides that the governing body of Dorchester County 'is authorized to establish a dog pound for the County for the purpose of quarantining dogs and shall employ such personnel, including enforcement personnel as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this Act.'

The County Council has the authority under the specific terms of this Act to employ the necessary personnel to enforce its provisions. It does not, however, have the authority to vest such personnel with the power of a police officer.

If violations of the Act occur, prosecutions can be made by the signing of an arrest warrant by the personnel employed, which warrant must then be served by a law enforcement officer, as in other cases.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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