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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 The Honorable E. C. Burnett, III  
Member  
House of Representatives  
Box 1742  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

Dear Mr. Burnett:

Thank you very much for your letter of september 7 inquiring whether or not there are particular forms of government which a municipality must adopt under the provisions of the new local government amendment to the State Constitution (Article VIII).

No forms of government have been yet adopted by the General Assembly, although I have information that they are being prepared by the Municipal Association. The County Association has already forms for constitutional government and it is my understanding that both of these matters will be considered by a committee of the General Assembly which is now meeting. Until these forms are adopted by the General Assembly, counties cannot act on selecting a form of government.

You further inquire as to whether existing statutes concerning municipal corporations are presently valid in view of the constitutional amendment.

I advise that the powers which cities now have continue until changed in the manner provided by law. Section 1 of the local government amendment so provides.

If I may be of further service, please call upon me.

Cordially,

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Attorney General

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