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Office of the Attorney General

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Dear Mr. DeBarry:

You have inquired as to whether or not a charitable, religious or otherwise non-profit corporation is required by South Carolina law to adopt by-laws or other written operating procedure. Under Section 12–752, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1962), as amended, a non-profit organization seeking to incorporate is required to submit to the Secretary of State such information as he may require and as specified within the cited statute. There is no indication, however, that the provisions of Section 12–752 place any requirement upon the proposed corporation to adopt by-laws or other written operating procedure.

Section 12–758, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1962), as amended, empowers a non-profit corporation to make by-laws, but there is no requirement that such corporation adopt by-laws or other written operating procedure.

My research does not disclose any law which requires a charitable, religious or otherwise non-profit corporation to adopt by-laws or other written operating procedure, and in the opinion of this Office, the same cannot be required of a non-profit corporation. Very truly yours,

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