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Dear Mr. Young:

In a letter to this office you questioned the definition of "greenbelt" in association with the upcoming referendum election on the ½ cent sale tax issue which is to be held pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Sections 4-37-10 et seq. .

In responding to your question, reference may be made to the definition of "greenbelt" set forth by the State Supreme Court in its decision in Douan v. Charleston County Council et al., 357 S.C. 601, 594 S.E.2d 261 (2003) construing the cited statutory provisions. In Douan, the Court referenced that

Greenbelt is not defined in the statute, but is commonly defined as a "belt of parkways or farmlands that encircles a community."

357 S.C. at 609.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Richardson  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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*Request Letter*