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Andy Benke, Town Administrator
Town of Sullivan's Island
1610 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island, South Carolina 29482-0427

Dear Mr. Benke:

In a letter to this office you questioned whether the town council can establish an ordinance requiring residents using golf carts properly registered with the State to obtain a decal from the town that would identify the owner.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-3-1220 (1991), "(n)o county or municipality shall issue a municipal or county license plate." I would construe that provision as prohibiting an owner of a golf cart otherwise properly registered with the State from having to obtain any separate license from the town. Such prohibition would seem to apply even if the requirement was referred to as a decal.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles H. Richardson".

Charles H. Richardson
Senior Assistant Attorney General