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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. McGlothlin:

You have asked the opinion of this office on a possible conflict of interest between an Authority employee's job and his membership on a town council.

You say in your letter, and in a telephone conversation with me, that the employee works in the division of the Authority that maintains the Authority's buildings. The employee is a member of the council of a town within the Authority's service area. The Authority services the town's residents directly, and also provides lighting for the town. The Authority has, in addition, certain other business arrangements with the town.

It is the opinion of this office that there is no inherent conflict of interest, either under the State Ethics Act ([§ 8-13-10, et seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976, as amended) or otherwise, in the situation you have described. If, however, the employee finds himself in a situation where his actions would 'substantially affect directly his personal financial interest or those of a member of his household, or a business with which he is associated . . .,' (see § 8-13-460) he should follow the disclosure and non-participation procedure set out in § 8-13-460.

I hope this has been helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Eugene W. Yates, III
Assistant Attorney General

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