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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins;

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the McCormick County Water and Sewer Authority and whether it is an 'employer' under [§ 9-1-10\(5\), 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina](#). The Authority was created by County Ordinance in 1976. Its members are appointed by the McCormick County Council and its function is to provide and distribute water and sewer service within its service area. Section 7 of the enabling ordinance provides that the Authority shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued and may adopt, use and alter a corporate seal. It is also empowered to do all acts necessary to carry out its purposes.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the McCormick County Water and Sewer Authority is a political subdivision of McCormick County.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

Assistant Attorney General

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