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Re: Authority to Assign Parking Spaces on Premises Around the Courthouse

Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for an official opinion.

#### **Question Presented**

Does the Sheriff or Board of Supervisors have the authority to assign parking spaces on the premises around the courthouse?

#### **Brief Response**

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 19-7-33, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to regulate parking on the premises around the courthouse.

#### **Applicable Law and Discussion**

Section 19-7-33 provides, “[t]he board of supervisors of any county is hereby authorized and empowered to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on county public lands on which the courthouse and other county buildings are located, or any other lands under the control and jurisdiction of the county.” Accordingly, we have previously opined that the board of supervisors, not the sheriff, has the authority to make and adopt regulations concerning the parking of vehicles on the public lands upon which the courthouse and other county buildings are located. MS AG Op., *Harper* at \*1 (Nov. 20, 1986). It is our opinion that the board’s authority to regulate parking on county public lands includes the authority to assign parking spaces on the premises around the courthouse.

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If this office may be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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OFFICIAL OPINION