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Honorable J. Ben Garrett
Representative, Jefferson County
617 North Third Street
DeSoto, Missouri

Dear Mr. Garrett:

This is in answer to your letter of recent date regarding the question of the authority of the City of DeSoto to extend its water lines beyond the city limits.

We have ascertained from Mr. John Anderson, City Attorney of DeSoto, that DeSoto has a combined water works and sewerage system under the authority of Chapter 250, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1959. Section 250.190, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1959, provides as follows:

"Any such city, town or village or sewer district operating a sewerage system or a combined waterworks and sewerage system under this chapter shall have power to supply water services or sewerage services or both such services to premises situated outside its corporate boundaries and for that purpose to extend and improve its sewerage system or its combined waterworks and sewerage system. Rates charged for sewerage services or water services to premises outside the corporate boundaries may exceed those charged for such services to premises within the corporate limits."

It will be seen from the provisions of Section 250.190, supra, a city operating a combined waterworks and sewerage system has authority to supply water services to premises

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situated outside its boundaries and can extend for such purposes its sewerage system or its combined waterworks and sewerage system.

It is also provided in such section that the rates charged for water services to premises outside the corporate boundaries may exceed those charged for such services to premises within the corporate limits.

We believe that the provisions of such section answer the question contained in your letter.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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