

September 25, 1980

OPINION LETTER NO. 198
(Answer by Letter-Klaffenbach)

The Honorable Paul Bradshaw
Senator, District 30
705 Woodruff Building
Springfield, Missouri 65805



Dear Senator Bradshaw:

This letter is in response to your question asking:

May a 'housing authority', created under provisions of RSMo §99.040, do business under a name that does not include the words 'the housing authority'? Specifically, may the housing authority of Springfield, Missouri do business as 'H.A.S. Properties' without violating RSMo §99.040?

Section 99.040, RSMo, to which you refer, provides in pertinent part:

1. In each city (as herein defined) and in each county of the state there is hereby created a municipal corporation to be known as 'the housing authority' of the city or county;

It is our view that the statute prescribes the name of such housing authority, and there is no legal authority that we are aware of which would authorize such a municipal corporation to adopt a name not consistent with such provisions.

Very truly yours,

JOHN ASHCROFT
Attorney General