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October 21, 1954  
Letter Opinion  
No. 54-241-L

The Honorable Lynwood C. Perkins  
City Recorder  
Yuma, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Re: Unused ballots

Dear Mr. Perkins:

This is in reply to your telephone request of recent date, wherein you posed your problem of unused city ballots and the disposal thereof.

We would like to point out that for the purpose of this opinion we are referring to ballots used in connection with a city election only.

Due to the fact that Yuma is a home-ruled city, TRIGG v. CITY OF YUMA (1942) 59 Ariz. 480, 130 P. 2d 59, and so long as the questions that arise are of local concern, the general laws in regard to these elections, as found in our Code, are not applicable, and the answers to any of these local questions shall be governed by charter provisions rather than the general laws of the state. STRODE v. SULLIVAN (1951) 72 Ariz. 360, 236 P. 2d 48.

In the absence of a copy of the charter for the City of Yuma, we are unable to render an opinion on this point. This seems to be a question of local interest and, thus, would fall within the rule of the case of STRODE v. SULLIVAN, supra.

Therefore, you should look to the City Charter of Yuma for any provision in regard to the disposal of unused ballots. In the event the charter is silent, then you should go to the city council and ask that a provision for the disposal of these unused ballots be enacted.

Yours very truly,

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