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Jack M. Scoville, Jr., Esquire
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Dear Jack:

You have requested the advice of this Office as to whether the Georgetown County Council has the authority to direct the manner in which the Clerk of Court accepts payment of child support. Your letter sets forth your research in which you conclude that the County Council has no authority to direct the manner of payment or to withhold funds for the purpose of trying to obtain compliance with Council's request. After reviewing your letter, I concur in your conclusion. Cf. Ops. Atty. Gen. (July 26, 1984¹ and February 18, 1983²).

This letter is an informal opinion. It has been written by the designated Assistant Deputy Attorney General and represents the opinion of the undersigned attorney as to the specific questions asked. It has not, however, been personally reviewed by the Attorney General nor officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

J. Emory Smith, Jr.
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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¹ County Council may designate Office space for Clerk of Court and Probate Court, but it cannot alter the record keeping duties of those officials.

² Employees of the Clerk of Court may be employed or discharged only by the Clerk of Court.

Request Letter