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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 The Honorable Richard P. Ruonala  
Chief of Police  
Post Office Box 236  
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Dear Chief Ruonala:

Attorney General McLeod has referred your letter of September 9, 1981, to me for reply. Your question is: 'Does the City Police Department have jurisdiction to enforce Municipal ordinances on City owned property physically located outside the boundaries of the City?'

You are correct in your assessment that [Section 5-7-110 of the South Carolina Code of Laws](#) provides this answer. That section states in pertinent part: 'Any such police officer shall exercise their powers on all private and public property within the corporate limits of the municipality and on all property owned or controlled by the municipality wheresoever situated. . . .' Thus, the Goose Creek City Police Department does have jurisdiction to enforce municipal ordinances on the city owned property as described in your letter.

I hope this letter has been of some assistance to you, and if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Sincerely,

John M. Barton  
Assistant Attorney General

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