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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 W. Wallace Oswald, Lt.
Batesburg Police Department
Granite Street
Batesburg, S. C. 29006

Dear Lt. Oswald:

In your letter of June 17, 1978 to this Office you indicated that 'some cities have raised their fines on certain misdemeanors to \$200. We would like to have your opinion on the \$200 fine.'

Please be informed that [Section 5-7-30, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976, as amended, grants certain powers to municipalities. This section states in part that:
the municipal governing body may fix fines and penalties for the violation of municipal ordinances and regulations not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Therefore, there is statutory authorization for a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars. I would advise that you contact you city attorney as to any actions your municipality may take toward increasing fines or penalties.

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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