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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 In Re: Municipal Policemen Carrying Pistols Outside Jurisdiction**

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Dear Mr. Saunders:

Your letter of January 31, 1974, addressed to Attorney General McLeod has been referred to me for reply.

You have inquired whether or not a municipal policeman may lawfully carry his service revolver outside the limits of the municipality by which he is employed.

This Office has heretofore expressed the opinion in writing several times that the State's pistol law, i.e., Section 16-129, et seq., 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, does not apply to regularly appointed, qualified and salaried municipal police officers and that they may therefore carry pistols on or about their persons even though they are not within the limits of the municipality by which they are employed.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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