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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

June 7, 1974

**\*1 In re: Sullivan's Island Magistrate**

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Dear Mr. Buckley:

Mr. McLeod has referred to me your letter of June 6, 1974, inquiring as to the authority of a magistrate to handle cases made under ordinances of the Board of Township Commissioners of Sullivan's Island.

It is the opinion of this Office, expressed many times previously, that a magistrate may enforce State laws only and that a magistrate may not act in the dual roles of magistrate and municipal recorder.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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