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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 78-334

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Re: Cities--Funds--Use Of

Synopsis: Proceeds from fines levied for parking meter violations may be expended by the city for parking meter control and maintenance.

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Dear Mr. Bengtson:


You advise that a question has arisen concerning the proper disposition of fines derived from parking meter violations which are collected through the Municipal Court. You advise that in the past, it has been the practice to deposit these monies in the city general fund. A proposal has been made that these fines be used to defray the cost of parking meter maintenance and control.

Like you, I find no statutory provision which requires that parking meter fines whether received directly through the Municipal Court or through collection boxes be applied to the general fund. At the same time, there appears to be no statute whatever which governs the application of the proceeds of parking meter fines. Accordingly, in the absence of any applicable statutory provision, it is my opinion that the city may provide for the disposition and use of these funds as it chooses, and that they may be applied

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to parking meter maintenance and control if the governing body
deems it appropriate.

Yours truly,


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