

CITY VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

To establish a policy to provide a funding mechanism to ensure that the full service life of each City vehicle or item of equipment is utilized to its fullest potential, provide for funding timelines and implement uniform guidelines among all departments.

POLICY

The Municipal Operations Department shall inspect the equipment annually after the vehicle/equipment has reached its useful life – to determine the appropriateness of replacing each piece of equipment in conjunction with the assigned Department. All non-emergency vehicles shall be replaced based on, but not limited to, the following factors; expected service life, lifecycle maintenance costs, fuel efficiency, purchase price (cost), environmental rating etc. The City will actively seek opportunities to use cleaner burning fuels and higher efficiency vehicles when possible.

Should the expected life of the equipment be less than expected, the Municipal Operations Department in conjunction with the Administrative Services Department and the assigned Department will make a recommendation to the City Manager or his designee on the disposition and replacement of equipment.

It shall be the policy of the City that the funding and replacement of all motor vehicles shall be normally based on the expected service life and condition of the vehicle described on the following schedule:

Vehicle/Equipment	Schedule for Replacement
Police Patrol / Traffic Vehicles	75,000 miles or 4 years
Police Motorcycles	75,000 miles or 5 years
Police Detective / Plain Vehicles	80,000 miles or 8 years
Beach Vehicles / ATVs	4 years
Sedans / Station Wagons / SUVs	120,000 miles or 12 years
Pickup Trucks (1/4 to 3/4 Ton)	100,000 miles or 10 years
Vans	100,000 miles or 10 years
Ambulances (commercial chassis)	100,000 miles or 8 years
Ambulances - Reserve	4 years
Heavy Trucks (1 Ton and larger)	120,000 miles or 12 years
Beach Cleaners	8 years
Street Sweepers	10 years
Small Boats / Personal Watercraft	10 years

Large Emergency Boats	25 years
Heavy Equipment	10 years or 5,000 hours
Trailers	10 years
Vactors /Sewer Rodders	10 years
Welders, Saws, Pumps	13 years
Transfer Equipment (Radios/ Beacons)	10 years
Fire Engines - Frontline	13 years
Fire Trucks - Frontline	15 years
Fire Engine - Reserve	5-7 years
Fire Truck - Reserve	10-15 years

Fire engines, trucks and ambulances are placed within stations as frontline vehicles when they are purchased. They will remain in a frontline status until the expected useful life is over. At that time, the engines and trucks will be placed in reserve status for an additional period of time as described above.

History

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