

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR ROBERT T. MARKEL

DEPARTMENTAL AND INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

DATE: June 10, 1993

TO: All Department Heads

FROM: Mayor Market

COPIES TO: File

SUBJECT: Vehicle Operation

Policy

Today I filed an order outlining policies which will govern the operational use of City vehicles. It represents the first was developed with the assistance of the task force which I appointed several months ago.

This vehicle operating policy formalizes what in the past has been unwritten policy. As department heads you are responsible to Ensure that all personnel who operate City vehicles are familiar with the policy and that it is understood that nothing short of full compliance is acceptable. In addition to reviewing this policy with your personnel, it should be posted or otherwise readily available within you department.

The policy is designed to protect the City and its employees from potential liability for personnel injury to non-employee passengers and to guarantee the tax payers that City resources are being used appropriately.

You will find attached a list of passenger vehicles and light trucks that have been reported as assigned to your department. This list shows the person or persons assigned to each vehicle. Please review it for accuracy. The list also contains a provision for you to indicate which vehicles are taken home at night by assigned personnel and a place for the assigned driver to initial receipt of a copy of the attached policy.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it is the policy and intent of this administration to establish policies which emphasize accountability and responsibility to the citizens of Springfield, and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield is the owner of many vehicles, which are used by it's employees in connection with their official duties; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the City to establish, and communicate to said employees, policies in respect to the usage of said vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive vehicle usage policy, other than that which has been accepted as practice, has not been established, except as required to comply with regulations promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service.

NOW THEREFORE, I Robert T. Markel, Mayor of the City of Springfield, by virtue of the authority vested in me as executive of the City, do hereby issue the following order to effectuate the establishment of a comprehensive vehicle usage policy:

AUTHORIZED USERS:

Department Heads have the responsibility to ensure that driving is restricted to individuals on the City of Springfield, and or governmental unit payrolls, including the following:

- A. Full and part-time city employees.
- B. Summer and sundry employees, over the age of 18 years.

Employees must carry a valid Commonwealth of Massachusetts Driver's license, appropriate to the vehicle being operated.

AUTHORIZED PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES CAN ONLY INCLUDE CITY AND GOVERNMENTAL UNIT EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS, EXPERTS, INVOLVED IN CITY OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT BUSINESS, AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE CITY.

DRIVING:

Make sure that there is sufficient fuel in the tank before leaving and that fluids such as oil and coolant are at appropriate levels. Use of seat belts is required. Employees

department, and the Registry of Motor vehicles, where appropriate. A copy of the accident claim form should also be forwarded to the City's Law department.

Robert T. Markel, Mayor City of Springfield

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