



CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL # AB22-0035

**City of Algona
200 Washington Blvd.
Algona, WA 98001**

ITEM INFORMATION

SUBJECT:	Agenda Date: July 25, 2022		
Algona Policy Manual Chapters 3 - Facilities, and 4 - Equipment.	Department/Committee/Individual	Created	Reviewed
	Mayor		
	City Administrator		X
	City Attorney		
	City Clerk		X
	Finance Dept		
	PW/Utilities		
	Planning Dept		
	Community Services		
	Police Dept		
Cost Impact:	Finance Committee		
Fund Source:	Planning Commission		
Timeline:	Civil Service Committee		

Staff Contact: Dana Parker, Deputy City Clerk

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

First review.

Here are chapters 3 and 4 from our drafting of an updated policy manual. Chapter 3- Facilities covers the control and accountability of keys is important to maintain a safe and secure environment for employees and members of the public. Chapter 4 – Equipment covers the care of city-owned property and the role of the city when personal property, the property of another person or entity, or city-owned property is damaged or lost.

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

First Review.

RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION

<i>Meeting Date:</i>	<i>Action:</i>	<i>Vote:</i>

Chapter 3 - Facilities

Key and Electronic Access Device Controls

300.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The control and accountability of keys is important to maintain a safe and secure environment for employees and members of the public.

300.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Key - All electronic or mechanical devices used to access or exit city buildings and facilities. It includes proximity cards, key fobs, and other electronic access devices.

300.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City that all keys used to access local government buildings and facilities are inventoried and controlled.

300.3 KEY IDENTIFICATION

All keys that open any doors or locks to city buildings or facilities should be marked with unique identification codes that will allow for quick inventory. Keys that are bundled together as a set should be numbered or coded with a tag to identify that set and the number of keys on the ring. The identifying numbers or codes on keys should not correspond to numbers/codes on locks.

A separate secure document identifying all keys will be maintained by the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

300.4 KEY CONTROL

Keys may be issued to employees or accessed and checked out by authorized employees from secure designated areas. Keys issued to or accessed and checked out by employees shall be limited to only those keys necessary for the employee's position.

Employees shall not loan a key or key set to another person. All keys must be issued or checked out through the control process. Employees shall not possess any key for which they have not been authorized.

All keys issued or checked out to employees remain the property of the City. Employees shall not duplicate, mark, alter, or manufacture any key without written authorization from the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

The City Administrator or the authorized designee should regularly inventory all city keys.

300.5 LOCK POLICY

All city buildings and facilities should be kept locked during non-operating hours. Employees shall not leave public entrances to city buildings and facilities unlocked or propped open during non-operating hours. Employees should never leave non-public entrances to city buildings and facilities unlocked or propped open.

Key and Electronic Access Device Controls

300.6 TESTING

The City Administrator or the authorized designee should periodically test locks to doors and gates for proper function and document the testing.

300.7 EMERGENCY KEY SET

At least one key set containing every key for city buildings and facilities should be kept separate from all of the other key sets in a secure location and made accessible only to the City Administrator or the authorized designee in the event of an emergency.

300.8 MISSING KEYS

Any employee who discovers that a key or key set is missing shall report it to a supervisor as soon as reasonably practicable. If a reasonable effort to locate the key fails, the supervisor shall notify the City Administrator or the authorized designee regarding the loss of the key, when it was discovered, and the circumstances involved.

The City Administrator or the authorized designee will determine whether to re-key any locks that may have been compromised, and whether this should be done immediately.

300.9 DAMAGED KEYS OR LOCKS

Malfunctioning or damaged keys or locks shall be promptly reported to a supervisor. No part of a broken key should be left in the lock. All portions of the damaged key must be turned in to a supervisor, who will provide a replacement key as needed. Damaged locks should be replaced or repaired as soon as practicable. Appropriate security measures should be taken until such time as the lock is properly restored.

300.10 KEY CONTROL RECORDS

The City Administrator or the authorized designee will maintain documentation for the accounting and security of all keys and key sets. Key control measures should be documented by the designated employee and the records retained in accordance with established records retention schedule.

Public Safety Video Surveillance System

301.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for the placement and monitoring of city public safety video surveillance, as well as the storage and release of the captured images.

301.2 POLICY

The City operates a public safety video surveillance system to enhance public safety and security in public areas. Cameras may be placed in strategic locations to help safeguard against potential threats to the public, to help manage emergency response situations during natural and man-made disasters, and to assist city officials in providing services to the community.

Video surveillance in public areas will be conducted in a legal and ethical manner while recognizing and protecting constitutional standards of privacy.

301.3 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Only city-approved video surveillance equipment shall be utilized. Employees authorized to monitor video surveillance equipment should only monitor public areas and public activities where no reasonable expectation of privacy exists. The City Administrator or the authorized designee shall approve all proposed locations for the use of video surveillance technology and should consult with and be guided by legal counsel as necessary in making such determinations.

301.3.1 PLACEMENT AND MONITORING

Camera placement will be guided by the underlying purpose or strategy associated with the overall video surveillance plan. As appropriate, the City Administrator or the authorized designee should confer with any appropriate city department and designated community groups when evaluating camera placement. Environmental factors, including lighting, location of buildings, and presence of vegetation or other obstructions, should also be evaluated when determining placement.

Cameras should only record video images and not sound. The public safety video surveillance system may be useful for the following purposes:

- (a) To prevent, deter, and identify criminal activity.
- (b) To respond to critical incidents.
- (c) To augment resources in a cost-effective manner.
- (d) To monitor pedestrian and vehicle traffic activity.

Images from each camera should be recorded in a manner consistent with the underlying purpose of the particular camera. When activity warranting further investigation is reported or detected at any camera location, the available information should be preserved and the appropriate department should be notified in a timely manner.

The City Administrator or the authorized designee may authorize video feeds from the public safety video surveillance system to be forwarded to a specified location for monitoring by

Public Safety Video Surveillance System

law enforcement, government agencies, road or traffic crews, or fire or emergency operations personnel.

Unauthorized recording, viewing, reproduction, dissemination, or retention of anything documented by public safety surveillance equipment is prohibited.

301.3.2 CAMERA MARKINGS

All public areas monitored by public safety surveillance equipment should be marked in a conspicuous manner with appropriate signs to inform the public that the area is under surveillance by the City. Signs should be well lit, placed appropriately, and without obstruction to ensure visibility.

301.3.3 INTEGRATION WITH OTHER TECHNOLOGY

The City may elect to integrate its public safety video surveillance system with other technology to enhance available information. Integration with video-based analytical systems may be considered based upon availability and the nature of the surveillance strategy.

The City should evaluate the availability and propriety of networking or otherwise collaborating with appropriate private sector entities and should evaluate whether the use of certain camera systems requires additional safeguards.

301.4 VIDEO SUPERVISION

Supervisors should monitor video surveillance access and usage to ensure employees follow city policy and applicable laws. Supervisors should ensure such use and access is appropriately documented.

301.4.1 VIDEO LOG

A log should be maintained at all locations where video surveillance monitors are located. The log should be used to document all persons not assigned to the monitoring locations who have been given access to view or monitor images provided by the video surveillance cameras. The logs should, at a minimum, record the:

- (a) Date and time access was given.
- (b) Name and department of the person being given access to the images.
- (c) Name of the person authorizing access.
- (d) Identifiable portion of images viewed.

301.4.2 PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

Public safety video surveillance systems will not intentionally be used to invade the privacy of individuals or observe areas where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

Public safety video surveillance equipment shall not be used in an unequal or discriminatory manner and shall not target individuals or groups based solely on actual or perceived characteristics such as race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic status, age, cultural group, or disability.

Public Safety Video Surveillance System

Video surveillance equipment shall not be used to harass, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual or group.

301.5 STORAGE AND RETENTION OF MEDIA

All downloaded media shall be stored in a secure area with access restricted to authorized persons. All actions taken with respect to preservation or retention of media shall be appropriately documented.

The type of video surveillance technology employed and the manner in which recordings are used and stored will affect retention periods. The recordings should be stored and retained in accordance with this policy and the established records retention schedule.

301.5.1 EVIDENTIARY INTEGRITY

Any recording that has been identified as evidence, or that could be relevant to pending or reasonably anticipated investigations or legal action, shall be preserved in a manner that retains its original content.

301.6 RELEASE OF VIDEO IMAGES

All recorded video images gathered by the public safety video surveillance equipment are for the official use of the City.

Requests for recorded video images from the public or the media shall be processed in the same manner as requests for public records.

Requests for recorded images from other government entities shall be referred to the City Administrator.

Recorded video images that are the subject of a court order or subpoena shall be processed in accordance with the established city subpoena process.

301.7 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AUDIT

The City Administrator or the authorized designee will conduct an annual review of the public safety video surveillance system. The review should include an analysis of the cost, benefit, and effectiveness of the system, including any public safety issues that were effectively addressed and any systemic operational or administrative issues that were identified, including those related to training, discipline, or policy.

The results of each review shall be appropriately documented and maintained by the City Administrator or the authorized designee and other applicable advisory bodies. Any recommendations for training or policy should be promptly addressed.

301.8 TRAINING

All city employees authorized to operate or access public safety video surveillance systems should receive appropriate training. Training should include guidance on the use of cameras and a review

Public Safety Video Surveillance System

of relevant policies and procedures. Training should also address state and federal law related to the use of video surveillance equipment and privacy.

Use of Public Facilities

302.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance regarding the permitting process for the use of city facilities by members of the public.

This policy does not apply to spontaneous expressive activities such as demonstrations or to expressive activities of groups of fewer than 50 people. Nor does it apply to other gatherings of fewer than 50 persons when the department head has developed appropriate nondiscriminatory application or request processes for the use of city facilities under the control of the department head.

302.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Applicant - Any individual, group, or organization seeking approval to use city facilities.

Facilities - Any buildings, rooms, structures, sites, complexes, parks, roads, walkways, parking areas, equipment, and other real or personal property owned or leased by the city that are made available for use by the general public.

302.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City to make certain facilities available for public use in a fair and equitable manner based on an established application and permitting process.

302.3 PERMIT PROCESS

The City Administrator or the authorized designee should develop, implement, and maintain a permitting process for the use of city facilities. The process should include:

- (a) A standardized application and reservation system.
- (b) An application submittal period and review process.
- (c) A method of communicating confirmations and denials of applications, as well as an appeals process for denials.
- (d) Permit forms for facility use.
- (e) A fee schedule for facility use and for payment of deposits, balances due, and refunds.
- (f) A nondiscriminatory process for establishing how much liability insurance will be required from applicants.
- (g) A process for making changes to existing reservations and for cancellations.
- (h) The designation of city employees responsible for enforcing permit terms.
- (i) Rules and regulations for facility use (e.g., cleaning, smoking/vaping, alcohol use, food and beverage sales or service, insurance coverage).

Use of Public Facilities

- (j) A process for determining when free speech expression areas will be necessary and a process for designation and monitoring of such areas, when used.

The City Administrator should also adopt and maintain city requirements related to facility use permits, including duration of use, traffic control, and noise limitations.

302.3.1 APPLICATION REVIEW

- (a) The following should be considered when determining whether to grant or deny an application for facility use:
 1. The application should be complete and not contain false or misleading information.
 2. The activity or event should not pose unreasonable health or safety risks.
 3. Appropriate ancillary facilities such as parking and sanitary facilities should be available and adequate for the activity or event.
 4. The activity or event should not pose an unreasonable risk of damage to city facilities.
 5. An application should be denied if the applicant has damaged city facilities in the past and has failed to pay for the damages.
 6. Adequate supervision and security personnel for the activity or event should be provided by the applicant.
- (b) When determining whether to grant or deny an application for facility use, the City shall not consider an applicant's:
 1. Actual or perceived classification or status protected by law, such as religion, race, or gender identity or expression.
 2. Political, social, or ideological beliefs.
 3. Viewpoint, message, or program content and any anticipated response.

302.3.2 PERMIT TERMS

Permits should contain the applicant's agreement to:

- (a) Return the facilities to their original condition and assume responsibility for any damage or loss sustained.
- (b) Comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances, as well as all permit requirements and conditions imposed by the City.
- (c) Refrain from promoting, permitting, or engaging in illegal activity.
- (d) Obtain a general liability insurance policy in the amount required naming the City as an additional insured and identifying the policy as primary to the city's insurance coverage.
- (e) Make it clear to the public that the activity or event is the applicant's and that any message is not endorsed or made by the City.

Use of Public Facilities

Permits should also contain notice to the permittee that failure to comply with permit terms may result in enforcement action and denial of future applications.

302.4 DISTURBANCES OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Non-law enforcement employees should not attempt to physically control a person or group that is creating a disturbance or engaging in criminal activity on city property during a permitted activity or event. Such instances, as well as unapproved demonstrations or acts of civil disobedience, should be reported to law enforcement for handling.

302.5 RECORDS

All records created and submitted during and related to the permitting process should be maintained in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

Holiday Displays

303.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on holiday displays by the City.

The use of city facilities by members of the public or private groups is addressed in the Use of Public Facilities Policy.

Memorials on city property are addressed in the Memorials on Public Property Policy.

303.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City that city seasonal temporary holiday displays be appropriate and lawful.

303.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The City Administrator should review and approve each city holiday display.

The City Administrator's review should be completed prior to installation of the display and should include a review of the following:

- (a) The location of the display, including the types of structures and properties immediately adjacent to the display.
- (b) The manner and format in which the different secular and non-secular decorations will be displayed.
- (c) Whether the display complies with the criteria set forth in this policy.

If the City Administrator has any concerns regarding the content of the display, counsel should be consulted prior to proceeding.

303.4 REVIEW CRITERIA

A city holiday display should not have an overall effect of supporting or endorsing a religion or denigrating or inhibiting any religion or religious belief. When reviewing a proposed display, the City Administrator should consider the following:

- (a) The holiday display should:
 1. Have a primary purpose that is secular.
 2. Recognize the celebration of the holidays and/or seasonal traditions (e.g., lights, snowflakes, Santa Claus in the winter; bunnies, baskets, eggs in the spring).
 3. Include religious symbols only if they are accompanied by numerous other non-religious holiday items and in a non-religious setting.
- (b) The holiday display should not:
 1. Include religious symbols (e.g., a nativity scene, a cross, a menorah) alone or in a setting that focuses on or draws attention to a specific religion or the religious nature of a symbol.

Holiday Displays

2. Be placed in any location that makes it appear that the display endorses a religion (e.g., on property adjacent to a church, other religious institution, or area connected to a religion; on city property that has a statue, monument, or sign that in combination with a holiday display might appear to endorse a religion).
3. Be used for any religious practices or ceremonies.

Memorials on Public Property

304.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the review and approval of city memorials and the relocation, alteration, or removal of existing memorials on city property.

This policy addresses memorials established by the City and memorials requested or donated by members of the public.

This policy does not apply to the following:

- (a) Works of art that are not memorial or commemorative in nature
- (b) Signage or plaques placed on city property for the purpose of acknowledging a donor or sponsor
- (c) Historical markers or placards that provide information to the public

Temporary displays on city property are addressed in the Holiday Displays and the Use of Public Facilities policies.

304.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Memorial - A permanent monument, museum, building, garden, plaque, sculpture, or the like intended to commemorate or preserve the memory of a person, group, action, or event.

304.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City that memorials on city property be considered and approved pursuant to this policy.

304.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The City Administrator or the authorized designee should:

- (a) Establish procedures for the submission, review, and approval of requests by members of the public for new city memorials or for the removal, alteration, or relocation of existing memorials. The procedures should include:
 - 1. That all requests be submitted in writing.
 - 2. For new memorials, that the request includes detailed information regarding the form and substance of the proposed memorial, the proposed location, and the proposed source of funding.
 - (a) The proposed memorial should be presented either in fully finished form or in a model prior to final acceptance by the City.
 - 3. For existing memorials, that the request includes the reason for the requested removal, relocation, or alteration.
 - (a) Requests for relocation should identify the new proposed location.

Memorials on Public Property

- (b) Requests for alteration should detail the type and form of the proposed alteration.
 - 4. Review by any appropriate department.
 - 5. The opportunity for input from members of the public.
 - 6. The opportunity for the City to ask the requester for modifications to a proposed memorial, relocation, or alteration consistent with this policy.
 - 7. That any denial of a request be documented.
 - 8. An appeal process to the City Administrator or the governing body for application denials or modification requests.
- (b) Provide notice to members of the public making requests that:
- 1. For new memorials, the memorial becomes the property of the City upon installation.
 - 2. The City may deny any request after a review of the request under the procedures established by this policy.
 - 3. The City will make a final determination as to the location of all new or relocated memorials within the City.
 - 4. Existing memorials on city property do not establish a precedent for any future approvals.
- (c) Adopt and maintain additional city requirements relating to new memorials or the removal, alteration, or relocation of existing memorials.
- 1. Requirements may include size, material quality, and appearance standards.
- (d) Coordinate a process for the periodic review of existing memorials to consider whether:
- 1. Relocation, alteration, or removal is appropriate. This process should include the evaluation of the overall condition of the memorial and whether there are any reasons to consider the relocation, alteration, or removal of the memorial.
 - 2. Designation as a historic landmark or district under federal, state, or local laws or guidelines is appropriate for any memorials.
- (e) Create a list of all memorials within the City that includes the type of memorial, the current location of the memorial, and any specific maintenance, safety, or access information relevant to the memorial.

304.4 CONSIDERATIONS FOR NEW MEMORIALS

The following criteria should be considered for all new memorials:

- (a) The memorial should:
 - 1. Support or promote the common history of the City, local culture, civic identity, or mission of the City.
 - 2. Be of historical or social significance.

Memorials on Public Property

3. Be located in an area that is connected with the person or event being commemorated.
 4. Be compatible with the area surrounding the proposed location.
 - (a) The size, content, and appearance of the memorial should improve or otherwise enhance the social and physical environment of the surrounding area.
 5. Comply with any additional city requirements related to memorials.
- (b) The memorial should not:
1. Present unreasonable maintenance, security, environmental, or access issues.
 2. Be offensive to a reasonable person.
 3. Reasonably appear to be promoting, favoring, or inhibiting any religion or political affiliation.

Consideration should be given to how the memorial corresponds with other memorials in the immediately surrounding area and in the City generally.

304.5 CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL, ALTERATION, OR RELOCATION OF EXISTING MEMORIALS

The following criteria should be applied to all cases where the removal, alteration, or relocation of a memorial is being considered, whether initiated by a request from members of the public or internally by city officials or staff.

- (a) The memorial should be removed, altered, or relocated, as appropriate, if:
1. The memorial has deteriorated to the extent that it cannot be safely maintained in its current location.
 2. Security issues make the current location unreasonable.
 3. The memorial is damaged beyond reasonable repair.
 4. Social or environmental changes to the location or surrounding area have made the memorial no longer appropriate for the location.
 5. The memorial is no longer sufficiently connected to the common history, local culture, or mission of the City.
 6. A more appropriate alternative location for the memorial is reasonably available.
- (b) The memorial should not be removed, altered, or relocated:
1. If federal, state, or local laws restrict the removal, alteration, or relocation of the memorial.
 2. Without appropriate pre-approvals from federal, state, or local officials, as required.
 3. If removal, alteration, or relocation is not consistent with additional requirements adopted or maintained by the City Administrator.

Memorials on Public Property

4. Without final approval of the City's governing body.

304.6 DAMAGE OR DETERIORATION

Employees who observe damage to or significant deterioration of an existing memorial should report the damage to a supervisor. Appropriate repairs may be made with supervisory approval.

If damage or deterioration to a memorial reasonably appears to present a safety issue, access to the memorial should be restricted and a supervisor should be immediately notified.

304.7 DOCUMENTATION

The following should be created and maintained consistent with the established records retention schedule:

- (a) The list of memorials within the City.
- (b) Documentation relating to the approval of any new memorials.
- (c) Documentation relating to the removal, relocation, or alteration, of any memorial, including the reason for the action, and whether the memorial has been stored or otherwise disposed of.

Flags

305.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the proper display of flags at city facilities.

305.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City to display flags in compliance with federal and state laws and local ordinances.

305.3 DISPLAY OF FLAGS

Flags flown at city facilities will be displayed in the following order of prominence:

- (a) The United States flag
- (b) Flags of foreign governments recognized by the United States when flown with the United States flag
- (c) The state flag
- (d) The city flag
- (e) The department flag
- (f) Any commemorative flags

305.4 DISPLAYING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Federal law providing for the use and the display of the United States flag is contained in Title 4 Chapter 1 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the "Flag Code." The City will display the flag of the United States in accordance with the provisions of 4 USC § 1 through 4 USC § 10.

305.4.1 DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS

Employees should consult the Flag Code for guidance whenever the flag of the United States is to be displayed in any manner. This is to ensure that the display is presented in accordance with the Flag Code and as follows:

- (a) The United States flag should be conspicuously posted on all city facilities during hours of operation.
- (b) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on a stationary flagstaff in the open. However, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness (4 USC § 6).
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed (4 USC § 6).
- (d) The United States flag may only be flown at half-staff by Presidential or Gubernatorial decree, and on Memorial Day until noon (4 USC § 7).

Flags

Whenever the United States flag is displayed in conjunction with other flags or symbols it should occupy the "Place of Honor" (4 USC § 7).

305.5 DISPLAY OF THE STATE FLAG

The City will display the state flag prominently and in the proper position of honor in accordance with the United States Flag Code.

305.5.1 DISPLAY OF THE STATE FLAG IN DAILY OPERATIONS

Employees should review state law for guidance whenever the flag is to be displayed in any manner to ensure that the display is presented appropriately. Displays of the flag should be consistent with the following protocol:

- (a) The flag should be conspicuously posted on all city facilities during hours of operation.
- (b) Generally, the flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on a stationary flagstaff in the open. However, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- (d) The flag shall be flown at half-staff whenever the flag of the United States is flown at half-staff, and may only be flown at half-staff at other times by order of the Governor.
- (e) Whenever the flag is displayed in conjunction with the United States flag, the United States flag shall occupy the position of first honor (4 USC § 7). When the flag is displayed in conjunction with other flags or symbols, it should occupy the position of honor.

305.6 DISPLAY OF COMMEMORATIVE OR UNOFFICIAL FLAGS

City flag displays, including but not limited to flagstaffs, are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. Commemorative flags or flags not identified in this policy, including flags of a government not recognized by the United States, should not be displayed by the City without prior approval from the City Administrator.

Chapter 4 - Equipment

Local Government-Owned and Personal Property

400.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy addresses the care of city-owned property and the role of the City when personal property, the property of another person or entity, or city-owned property is damaged or lost.

400.2 POLICY

The City will ensure that employees are issued appropriate property and equipment necessary for the employee's job function. The City will take steps to minimize the cost associated with maintaining city property, including personal property authorized for use in the employee's duties.

400.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PROPERTY

Supervisors should document all property and equipment issued by the City in the appropriate file at the time of issuance. Receipt of issued items shall be acknowledged by the receiving employee's signature. Upon separation from the City, all issued property and equipment shall be returned. Documentation of the return shall be acknowledged by the signature of a supervisor.

400.3.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees shall be responsible for the safekeeping, serviceable condition, proper care, proper use, and replacement of city property that has been assigned or entrusted to them.

- (a) Employees shall promptly report, through their supervisors, any loss of, damage to, or unserviceable condition of any city-issued property or equipment.
- (b) The use of damaged or unserviceable property should be discontinued as soon as practicable, and the item replaced with a comparable item as soon as available.
- (c) Except when otherwise directed by a supervisor or when exigent circumstances exist, city-issued property shall only be used by those to whom it was assigned. Use should be limited to official purposes and in the capacity for which it was designed.
- (d) City-issued property shall not be thrown away, sold, traded, donated, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without prior approval.
- (e) Employees should obtain a supervisor's approval before any attempt to repair damaged or unserviceable property, unless the repair is of a minor or temporary nature.

400.4 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property or equipment shall not be carried during work hours or used for work-related purposes without prior approval by the City Administrator or appropriate supervisor. The employee should submit a request that includes a description of the property and the reason and length of time it will be used. Personal property of the type routinely carried (e.g., cell phone, wallet, sunglasses) is excluded from this requirement (see the Personal Communication Devices Policy).

The City will not replace or repair property that is not reasonably required as part of work.

Local Government-Owned and Personal Property

400.4.1 FILING CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

An employee requesting reimbursement for damage to, or loss of, personal property must submit the request in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor.

Upon review by the supervisor and a finding that no misconduct or negligence was involved, repair or replacement may be recommended to the City Administrator or the authorized designee, who will then forward the claim to the department responsible for issuing payments.

400.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The supervisor receiving a report that property, including personal property authorized for use, has been damaged should conduct an investigation and direct a memo to the City Administrator or the authorized designee. The memo should include the result of the investigation and whether reasonable care was taken to prevent the loss, damage, or unserviceable condition.

In cases where the supervisor has reason to believe that misconduct or negligence was involved in the loss, damage, or unserviceable condition of property, the supervisor should consider whether disciplinary or other corrective action would be appropriate.

400.6 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY

Employees who intentionally or unintentionally damage or cause to be damaged the real or personal property of another person or entity while performing any city function shall promptly report the damage to a supervisor.

400.6.1 DAMAGE BY OTHERS

Employees who observe damage to the real or personal property of the City should report the damage as follows:

- (a) A verbal report should be made to the employee's immediate supervisor and to the employee or department responsible for the property as soon as practicable.
- (b) A written report should be submitted before the end of the employee's workday or as otherwise directed by the supervisor.

Personal Communication Devices

401.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of mobile telephones and other communication devices, whether issued or funded by the City or personally owned, during work hours or when used for authorized work-related purposes.

This policy generically refers to all such devices as Personal Communication Devices (PCDs) but is intended to include all mobile telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), wireless-capable tablets and similar wireless two-way communications, and/or portable internet access devices. PCD use includes but is not limited to placing and receiving calls, text messaging, blogging and microblogging, emailing, using video or camera features, playing games, and accessing sites or services on the internet.

401.2 POLICY

The City allows employees to utilize city-issued or funded PCDs and to possess personally owned PCDs in the workplace, subject to certain limitations. Any PCD used during work hours, or during non-work hours in any manner reasonably related to the business of the City, will be subject to monitoring and inspection consistent with the standards set forth in this policy

Employees are advised and cautioned that the use of a personally owned PCD for business-related purposes may subject the employee and the employee's PCD records to civil or criminal discovery or disclosure under applicable public records laws

Employees who have questions regarding the application of this policy or the guidelines contained herein are encouraged to seek clarification from supervisory staff.

401.3 PRIVACY EXPECTATION

Employees forfeit any expectation of privacy with regard to any communication accessed, transmitted, received, or reviewed on any PCD issued or funded by the City and shall have no expectation of privacy in their location should the device be equipped with location detection capabilities (see the Information Technology Use Policy for additional guidance).

401.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PCD

Depending on an employee's assignment and the needs of the position, the City may, at its discretion, issue or fund a PCD for the employee's use to facilitate work performance. City-issued or funded PCDs may not be used for personal business during or after work hours unless authorized by the City Administrator or the authorized designee. Such devices and the associated telephone number, if any, shall remain the sole property of the City and shall be subject to inspection or monitoring (including all related records and content) at any time without notice and without cause

Personal Communication Devices

Unless an employee is expressly authorized by the City Administrator or the authorized designee to use the PCD during non-work hours, the PCD will be either secured in the workplace at the completion of the workday or turned off when leaving the workplace.

401.5 PERSONALLY OWNED PCD

Employees may carry a personally owned PCD during work hours, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (a) Permission to carry a personally owned PCD may be revoked if it is used contrary to provisions of this policy.
- (b) The City accepts no responsibility for loss of or damage to a personally owned PCD.
- (c) The PCD and any associated services shall be purchased, used, and maintained solely at the employee's expense.
- (d) The device should not be used for work-related purposes except in exigent circumstances (e.g., unavailability of internal communication systems). Employees will have a reduced expectation of privacy when using a personally owned PCD in the workplace and have no expectation of privacy with regard to any city business-related communication.
 - 1. Employees may use personally owned PCDs during work hours for routine administrative work as authorized by the City Administrator.
- (e) The device shall not be utilized to record or disclose any city business-related information, including photographs, video, or the recording or transmittal of any information or material obtained or made accessible as a result of employment or appointment with the City, without the express authorization of the City Administrator or the authorized designee.
- (f) Use of a personally owned PCD for work-related business constitutes consent for the City to access the PCD to inspect and copy data to meet the needs of the City, which may include litigation, records retention and release obligations, and internal investigations. If the PCD is carried during work hours, employees will provide the City with the telephone number of the device. All work-related documents, emails, photographs, recordings, or other public records created or received on an employee's personally owned PCD should be transferred to the City and deleted from the employee's PCD as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than the end of the employee's workday.
- (g) All work-related documents, emails, photographs, recordings, or other public records created or received on an employee's personally owned PCD should be transferred to the City and deleted from the employee's PCD as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than the end of the employee's workday.

Except with prior express authorization from their supervisors, employees are not obligated or required to carry, access, monitor, or respond to electronic communications using a personally owned PCD during non-work hours. If an employee is in an authorized status that allows for appropriate compensation consistent with policy or existing employment agreements,

Personal Communication Devices

or if the employee has prior express authorization from a supervisor, the employee may engage in city business-related communications. Should employees engage in such approved communications or work during non-work hours, employees entitled to compensation shall promptly document the time worked and communicate the information to their supervisors to ensure appropriate compensation. Employees who independently document city-related business activities conducted during non-work hours in any manner shall promptly provide the City with a copy of such records to ensure accurate record keeping.

401.6 USE OF PCD

The following protocols shall apply to all PCDs that are carried during work hours or used to conduct city business:

- (a) All PCDs in the workplace shall be set to silent or vibrate mode.
- (b) A PCD may not be used to conduct personal business during work hours, except for brief personal communications (e.g., informing family of extended hours). Employees shall endeavor to limit their use of PCDs to authorized break times, unless an emergency exists.
- (c) Employees may use a PCD to communicate with other personnel in situations where the use of city-provided communications methods is either impracticable or not feasible. PCDs should not be used as a substitute for, as a way to avoid, or in lieu of regular city-provided communications methods.
- (d) Employees are prohibited from taking pictures, audio or video recordings, or making copies of any such picture or recording media unless it is directly related to official city business. Disclosure of any such information to any third party through any means, without the express authorization of the City Administrator or the authorized designee, may result in discipline.
- (e) Employees will not access social networking sites for any purpose that is not official city business.
- (f) Using PCDs to harass, threaten, coerce, or otherwise engage in inappropriate conduct with any third party is prohibited. Any employee having knowledge of such conduct shall promptly notify a supervisor.

401.7 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of supervisors include but are not limited to:

- (a) Ensuring that employees under their supervision are provided appropriate training on the use of PCDs consistent with this policy.
- (b) Monitoring to the extent practicable, PCD use in the workplace and taking prompt corrective action if an employee is observed or reported to be improperly using a PCD.
 - 1. An investigation into improper conduct should be promptly initiated when circumstances warrant.

Personal Communication Devices

2. Before conducting any administrative search of an employee's personally owned device, supervisors should consult with the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

401.8 OFFICIAL USE

Employees are reminded that PCDs are not secure devices and conversations may be intercepted or overheard. Caution should be exercised while utilizing PCDs to ensure that sensitive information is not inadvertently transmitted. As soon as reasonably possible, employees shall conduct sensitive or private communications on a land-based or other city communications network.

401.9 USE WHILE DRIVING

Employees operating vehicles shall not use a PCD while driving unless the device is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free use. Hands-free use should be restricted to urgent business-related calls.

Vehicle Maintenance

402.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that city vehicles are appropriately maintained.

402.2 POLICY

The City will service department vehicles to ensure they remain operational and maintain their appearance, as resources allow.

402.3 GENERAL DUTIES

Employees are responsible for assisting in maintaining city vehicles so that they are properly equipped, maintained, and refueled and present a clean appearance.

402.4 DEFECTIVE VEHICLES

When a vehicle becomes inoperative or in need of repair that affects the safety of the vehicle, that vehicle shall be removed from service. Proper documentation shall be promptly completed by the employee who becomes aware of the defective condition and forwarded to a supervisor for action.

Documents describing the correction of the safety issue shall be promptly filed by the supervisor with the vehicle history.

402.4.1 DAMAGE OR POOR PERFORMANCE

Vehicles that may have been damaged or perform poorly shall be removed from service for inspections and repairs as soon as practicable.

402.4.2 SEVERE USE

Vehicles operated under severe-use conditions, which include operations for which the vehicle is not designed or that exceed the manufacturer's parameters, should be removed from service and subjected to a safety inspection as soon as practicable. Such conditions may include rough roadway or off-road driving, hard or extended braking, and severe weather exposure.

402.4.3 REMOVAL OF WEAPONS

Only authorized firearms, weapons, or control devices shall be carried in city vehicles. Any authorized firearms, weapons, and control devices shall be removed from a vehicle and properly secured prior to the vehicle being released for maintenance, service, or repair.

402.5 VEHICLE REFUELING

Generally, vehicles should not be operated with less than one-quarter tank of fuel. Vehicles should not be returned to the pool or the assigned department at the end of the workday with less than one-quarter tank of fuel. Vehicles shall only be refueled at an authorized location.

Vehicle Maintenance

402.6 WASHING OF VEHICLES

Vehicles shall be kept clean at all times and, weather conditions permitting, shall be washed as necessary to maintain the professional appearance of the City.

Employees using a vehicle shall remove any trash or debris at the end of their workday. Confidential material should be placed in a designated receptacle that has been provided for shredding this material.

Vehicle Use

403.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for employees who use vehicles for city business. This policy does not create or imply any contractual obligation by the City to provide assigned vehicles.

Individual department heads may have additional policies for vehicle use to address specific vehicles (e.g., emergency vehicles) and duty assignments (e.g., law enforcement undercover work).

403.2 POLICY

The City authorizes the use of certain vehicles for official city business to enhance operational efficiency and requires that vehicles are operated in a safe and legal manner.

403.3 USE OF VEHICLES

403.3.1 VEHICLE ASSIGNMENTS

City vehicles may be assigned to individual employees at the discretion of the City Administrator or the authorized designee. Vehicles may be assigned for partial or full workday use and/or take-home use. Vehicle assignments may be changed or suspended at any time. Permission to take home a vehicle may be withdrawn at any time.

Vehicle assignments shall be based on the employee's job description, essential functions, and employment status. Vehicles may be reassigned or utilized by other city employees at the discretion of the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

The City Administrator or the authorized designee is responsible for creating a vehicle assignment roster each day and for maintaining the rosters in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

403.3.2 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees operating a vehicle as part of their job with the City shall:

- (a) Possess a valid driver's license.
 1. Employees shall report any suspensions or revocations of their license and any changes to driving privileges as soon as practicable and before any subsequent city vehicle use or personal vehicle use for city business.
 2. Employees must possess a valid commercial driver's license or special class license when applicable.
- (b) Provide the city with a driver's history report upon request.
- (c) Possess appropriate insurance as required for personal vehicles used for city business.

Vehicle Use

1. Employees shall notify a supervisor if their automobile insurance has been canceled, declined, or not renewed.
 2. The private insurance of employees using their personal vehicles under this policy shall be considered the primary insurance for any accidents or damage.
- (d) Notify a supervisor of any citations or arrests for motor vehicle-related violations or offenses as soon as practicable.
- (e) Obey all traffic laws.
- (f) Maintain any personal vehicles used for city business in safe working order.

403.3.3 INSPECTIONS

Employees shall be responsible for inspecting the interior and exterior of any assigned city vehicle. If the vehicle is assigned for the workday, it should be inspected before use and at the conclusion of the workday. If the vehicle is assigned for less than a workday, it should be inspected before use and upon conclusion of use. Any previously unreported damage, mechanical problems, unauthorized contents, or other problems with the vehicle shall be promptly reported to a supervisor and documented as appropriate.

All city vehicles are subject to inspection and/or search at any time by a supervisor without notice and without cause. No employee assigned to or operating such vehicle shall be entitled to any expectation of privacy with respect to the vehicle or its contents.

403.3.4 SECURITY AND UNATTENDED VEHICLES

Unattended vehicles should be locked and secured at all times to safeguard any city equipment prior to parking or leaving the vehicle.

403.3.5 VEHICLE LOCATION SYSTEM

City vehicles, at the discretion of the City Administrator, may be equipped with a system designed to track the vehicle's location. While the system may provide vehicle location and other information, employees are not relieved of their responsibility to use any required communication practices to report their location and status.

Employees shall not make any unauthorized modifications to the system. If an employee finds that the system is not functioning properly at any time, the employee should notify a supervisor as soon as reasonably practicable.

System data may be accessed by supervisors at any time. However, access to historical data by other than supervisors will require City Administrator approval.

All data captured by the system shall be retained in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

Vehicle Use

403.3.6 KEYS

Employees who are assigned a specific vehicle should be issued keys for that vehicle. Employees shall not duplicate keys or share them with any person except another employee authorized to use that vehicle. The loss of a key shall be promptly reported in writing to the employee's supervisor.

403.3.7 AUTHORIZED PASSENGERS

Employees operating assigned vehicles shall not permit unauthorized persons to ride as passengers in the vehicle.

403.3.8 PARKING

Employees should obey parking regulations at all times.

City vehicles should be parked in assigned spaces. Employees shall not park personal vehicles in spaces assigned to city vehicles or in other parking areas that are not so designated unless authorized by a supervisor.

403.3.9 ACCESSORIES AND/OR MODIFICATIONS

There shall be no modifications, additions, or removal of any equipment or accessories from city vehicles without written permission from the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

403.4 UNSCHEDULED TAKE-HOME USE

Employees may take home city vehicles only with prior approval of a supervisor and shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) The circumstances are unplanned and were created by the needs of the City.
- (b) Other reasonable transportation options are not available.
- (c) The employee lives within a reasonable distance (generally not to exceed a 60-minute drive time) of the city limits.
- (d) Off street parking will be available at the employee's residence.
- (e) The vehicle will be locked when not attended.
- (f) All portable city equipment will be removed from the interior of the vehicle and properly secured in the residence when the vehicle is not attended, unless the vehicle is parked in a locked garage.

When such circumstances occur, the City Administrator or the authorized designee shall document the unscheduled take-home use in the vehicle assignment roster.

403.5 ASSIGNMENT OF TAKE-HOME VEHICLES

Assignment of take-home vehicles should be based on the location of the employee's residence, the nature of the employee's job, whether the employee performs work outside of regular business hours, the employee's employment status, and available resources.

Vehicle Use

Employees are cautioned that under federal and local tax rules, personal use of a city vehicle may create an income tax liability for the employee. Questions regarding tax rules should be directed to the employee's tax adviser.

Travel to and from the home will not be considered work time unless the employee is responding to and from an emergency as part of the employee's duties.

403.5.1 TAKE-HOME VEHICLE AGREEMENT

Employees shall sign a take-home vehicle agreement that outlines how the vehicle shall be used, where it shall be parked, vehicle maintenance responsibilities, and any other appropriate requirements. The agreement should minimally provide that:

- (a) Vehicles shall only be used for work-related purposes and shall not be used for personal reasons, unless special circumstances exist and the City Administrator or the authorized designee gives prior authorization.
- (b) Vehicles are to be parked off-street at the employee's residence unless prior arrangements have been made with the City Administrator or the authorized designee. If the vehicle is not secured inside a locked garage, all removeable city equipment shall be removed and properly secured in the residence.
- (c) Vehicles are to be secured at the employee's residence or the appropriate city facility, at the discretion of the employee's supervisor, when an employee will be away (e.g., on vacation) for periods exceeding one week.
 1. If the vehicle remains at the employee's residence, the City shall have access to the vehicle.

403.6 DAMAGE, ABUSE, AND MISUSE

When any city vehicle is involved in a traffic accident or otherwise incurs damage, the involved employee shall promptly notify a supervisor. Any traffic accident report shall be filed with the agency having jurisdiction, with a copy provided to the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

Damage to any city vehicle that was not caused by a traffic accident shall be immediately reported during the shift or workday in which the damage was discovered and documented in memorandum format, which shall be forwarded to the City Administrator or the authorized designee. An administrative investigation should be initiated to determine if there has been any vehicle abuse or misuse.

403.7 TOLL ROAD USAGE, FUEL, AND MILEAGE

Employees operating vehicles for city business shall pay the appropriate toll charge or utilize the appropriate tollway transponder.

With the exception of take-home vehicles driven to and from the employee's residence, employees may submit for reimbursement from the City for toll fees and fuel expenses incurred in the course of official business. In lieu of fuel expenses, employees may submit for reimbursement for mileage accrued on personal vehicles used for city business.

Vehicle Use

Vehicle Safety Restraints/Safety Belts

404.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the use of safety belts and child restraints. This policy will apply to all employees operating or riding in city vehicles.

Individual department policies may provide additional guidance.

404.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Child restraint system - An infant or child passenger restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and regulations set forth in 49 CFR 571.213.

404.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the City that employees use safety and child restraint systems to reduce the possibility of death or injury in a motor vehicle accident.

404.3 WEARING OF SAFETY RESTRAINTS

All employees shall wear properly adjusted safety restraints at all times when operating or riding in a seat equipped with restraints, in any vehicle owned, leased, or rented by this city, or in any privately owned vehicle when conducting city business. The employee driving such a vehicle shall ensure that all other occupants, including those who are not employees of the City, are properly restrained.

404.4 TRANSPORTING CHILDREN

Child passengers shall be transported using an approved child restraint system in compliance with federal and state law.

404.5 INOPERABLE SAFETY BELTS

City vehicles shall not be operated when the safety belt in the driver's position is inoperable. Persons shall not be transported in a seat in which the safety belt is inoperable.

City vehicle safety belts shall not be modified, removed, deactivated, or altered in any way, except by the vehicle maintenance and repair staff, who shall do so only with the express authorization of the City Administrator or the authorized designee.

Employees who discover an inoperable restraint system shall report the defect to the appropriate supervisor. Prompt action will be taken to replace or repair the system.

404.6 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED WITHOUT SAFETY BELTS

Vehicles manufactured and certified for use without safety belts or other restraint systems are subject to the manufacturer's operator requirements for safe use.

Vehicle Safety Restraints/Safety Belts

404.7 VEHICLE AIRBAGS

In all vehicles equipped with airbag restraint systems, the system will not be tampered with or deactivated, except when transporting children as written elsewhere in this policy. All equipment installed in vehicles equipped with airbags will be installed as per the vehicle manufacturer specifications to avoid the danger of interfering with the effective deployment of the airbag device.

Personal Protective Equipment

405.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy addresses the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the City.

405.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Equipment that protects a person from serious workplace injuries or illnesses resulting from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards.

405.2 POLICY

The City endeavors to protect employees by supplying certain PPE as provided in this policy.

405.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors are responsible for identifying and making available PPE appropriate for the work environment.

405.4 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees are required to use PPE pursuant to their training.

Employees are responsible for proper maintenance and storage of issued PPE. PPE should be stored in an appropriate location so that it is available when needed.

Any employee who identifies hazards in the workplace is encouraged to utilize the procedures in the Illness and Injury Prevention Policy to recommend new or improved PPE or additional needs for PPE.

405.5 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT AND USE

PPE shall meet or exceed any applicable requirements. Federal or other nationally recognized standards should be used as a guide for the procurement, use, maintenance, and storage of the following safety-related equipment in the absence of other mandatory requirements:

- (a) Hearing protection (29 CFR 1910.95)
- (b) Eye protection (29 CFR 1910.133)
- (c) Respiratory protection (29 CFR 1910.134)
- (d) Head protection (29 CFR 1910.135)
- (e) Foot protection (29 CFR 1910.136)
- (f) Electrical protective equipment (29 CFR 1910.137)
- (g) Hand protection (29 CFR 1910.138)
- (h) Personal fall protection systems (29 CFR 1910.140)

Personal Protective Equipment

405.6 RECORDS

Supervisors are responsible for maintaining records of all:

- (a) PPE training.
- (b) PPE procurement and distribution.
- (c) Fit tests and medical evaluations related to respiratory protection equipment, when applicable. Medical evaluation questionnaires and any physical examination results related to respirator use shall be maintained in a separate confidential medical file.

The records shall be maintained in accordance with the city records retention schedule.

405.7 TRAINING

Employees should be trained in the hazards to which they may be potentially exposed during routine and emergency situations.

All employees should be trained in the proper use and maintenance of PPE issued to them, including when the use is appropriate; how to put on, remove, and adjust PPE; how to care for PPE; and the limitations of each device (29 CFR 1910.132).

Employees issued respiratory PPE should attend annual training on the proper use of respiratory protection devices (29 CFR 1910.134).

Physical Asset Management

406.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for maintaining a system of inventory and accountability over the city's physical assets. This policy does not address management of intangible assets (e.g., intellectual property), fluid assets (e.g., cash, stocks, marketable securities), real property, or natural assets (e.g., water, air quality, minerals).

Individual department heads may have additional policies for department-specific assets.

406.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Physical assets – All tangible items of value, including but not limited to materials, machinery, tools and equipment, vehicles, office supplies, and furniture.

406.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this city to accurately inventory, maintain, and dispose of its physical assets in a manner that controls costs, avoids waste, and promotes the mission of the City.

406.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The City Administrator should assign a person or persons to be responsible for the inventory, maintenance, and disposal of city physical assets, including:

- (a) Maintaining compliance with federal, state, and local laws regarding physical asset management, inventory control, and reporting requirements.
- (b) Developing procedures for the implementation of this policy, including:
 1. Procedures for disposal of all city-owned physical assets in accordance with federal, state, and local law.
 2. Procedures for safe disposal of hazardous waste.
 3. Procedures for inter-department transfers of physical assets.
 4. Procedures for each department to inventory assets as according to internal reporting deadlines (e.g., quarterly, annually).
- (c) Developing a physical asset management plan to track the city's physical assets and maintain accurate and complete records related to these assets. The plan should include:
 1. A minimum value of the physical assets that are subject to this policy, the plan, and the implementing procedures.
 2. An inventory control and recordkeeping system to account for the movement, storage, maintenance and use, loss, damage, destruction, and disposal of the city's physical assets.
 3. Routine internal and external audit practices.

Physical Asset Management

4. Procedures to access physical assets for re-use, transfer, recycle, or disposal.
- (d) Designating custodians within each department, as appropriate, for inter-department communication and to serve as inventory liaisons under the physical asset management plan.
- (e) Annual physical asset acquisition planning.

406.4 IDENTIFICATION AND TAGGING

Physical assets should be tagged using a bar code or other system to identify and locate the items. Tags should be affixed in the same manner and location on each item, when feasible. The following information regarding the tagged item should be maintained using the inventory control system and method of recordkeeping established in the physical asset management plan:

- (a) A description of the item, including but not limited to:
 1. Make, model, and serial number
 2. Physical dimensions and weight
 3. Color, material, and other physically distinct qualities
 4. Warranty and/or recall information, if any
- (b) The department and specific location where the item can be found
- (c) The acquisition date of the item, as well as the amount and funding source for the acquisition
- (d) The intended and actual use of the item
- (e) The expiration of an item's lease or loan terms

406.5 SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE ASSETS

A department that no longer utilizes a physical asset should have the asset identified as surplus or obsolete. If the physical asset retains value that may be utilized by another department, the item should be stored as surplus or transferred in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to this policy. If the physical asset is deemed obsolete, the item shall be disposed of in accordance with this policy.

406.5.1 STORAGE

When practicable, physical assets that retain value but are not being utilized should be stored in lieu of disposal. Physical assets in storage are subject to routine inventory and revaluation. If the physical asset's value is less than the cost of storage, the City should pursue disposal of the item in accordance with this policy.

406.5.2 TRANSFERS

When a physical asset is transferred from one department to another, the value of the physical asset should transfer with the asset. Inter-department transfers shall be documented through the inventory control and recordkeeping system implemented by the physical asset management plan.

Physical Asset Management

406.6 LOSS, DAMAGE, OR DESTRUCTION

Circumstances surrounding loss, damage, or destruction of the city's physical assets shall be promptly reported to and investigated by the City Administrator or the authorized designee for purposes of inventory, valuation, and recordkeeping. Otherwise, loss, damage, or destruction of such assets shall be handled in accordance with the Local Government-Owned and Personal Property Policy.

406.7 USAGE MONITORING

Physical asset performance should be regularly monitored for functionality, utility, wear-and-tear, and cost-effectiveness. Usage monitoring of the city's physical assets should include the duration of use (e.g., daily use and number of hours in use), user satisfaction, costs of operating the asset, and the asset's contribution to employee performance and overall productivity.

406.8 MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenance of physical assets should be proactive to limit interruption of the city's daily operations. Employees should report any physical asset performance issues to a supervisor.

Maintenance requests and reports shall be recorded in the inventory control and recordkeeping system implemented by the physical asset management plan. The City Administrator or the authorized designee shall routinely evaluate maintenance expenditures to determine whether continued maintenance is beneficial.

406.9 DISPOSAL

Physical assets slated for disposal should be evaluated for salvage value (e.g., items containing reusable materials like aluminum or copper) or transfer or storage in accordance with this policy.

406.10 INVENTORY AND REPORTS

Routine inventory of physical assets should be conducted for purposes of loss control, revaluation, retagging, documenting asset movement and condition, disposition and acquisition planning, and obtaining adequate insurance coverage.

All internal controls and inventories related to physical asset management shall be accurately documented and subject to both internal and external audit. Inventory reports should include an explanation of any discrepancies from the previous period.

All inventory documentation shall be retained and stored in accordance with the records retention schedule.

406.11 TRAINING

Employees and supervisors accountable for the proper care, use, transfer, maintenance, storage, loss, and disposition of all city physical assets should receive training regarding their responsibilities under the physical asset management plan.

Policy Title

407.1 SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This policy is established for the purpose of:

- Defining capital assets, infrastructure, and small and attractive assets
- Safeguarding City assets
- Complying with State requirements
- Providing accurate information for financial reports
- Establishing guidelines for physical inventories of assets

407.2 DEFINITIONS

are assets with a useful life of more than one year. Examples include land, buildings, improvements, machinery, and equipment.

refers to the public works system and includes streets, water lines, sewer lines, etc.

are portable items that do not meet the minimum capitalization threshold but require special attention because of their potential to be stolen. Examples include laptops, tablets, video and sound equipment, police weapons, tools and equipment, and cell phones.

407.3 CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD

The City's capitalization threshold is \$5,000 for capital assets and infrastructure.

407.4 ADDITIONS

Additions will be added to the asset lists by the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, based on accounts payable invoices. Departments must notify the Clerk-Treasurer's Office of any assets acquired via donation.

407.5 DISPOSALS

Assets with a value of \$5,000 or less may be designated as surplus by the Mayor. Surplus of assets with a value of over \$5,000 require approval by City Council.

407.6 TRANSFERS

Transfers of assets between departments may occur. Both the transferring and receiving department must acknowledge transfer of the assets and report the transfer to the Clerk-Treasurer.

If the asset is being transferred from a governmental fund to a proprietary fund or vice versa the receiving department must purchase the asset at fair market value. The Clerk-Treasurer shall make the final determination regarding fair market value and process the "sale" in the financial system.

Policy Title

407.7 INVENTORY

Capital assets and small and attractive assets shall all be inventoried annually. The Clerk-Treasurer will supply an inventory worksheet to all departments by June 1st and each department will conduct a physical inventory to verify existence and condition and return the completed worksheet to the Clerk-Treasurer by September 1st. To the extent possible, inventories shall be completed by two staff. Ideally, one of the two staff should be from the Clerk-Treasurer's department.

407.8 LOST OR STOLEN ASSETS

Lost or stolen assets must be reported to the Clerk-Treasurer as soon as it is discovered. The Clerk-Treasurer shall report the loss the State Auditors Office, if required; and shall make the necessary updates to the asset list.

407.9 ASSET TRACKING SYSTEM

Asset records will be maintained by the Clerk-Treasurer. The following information will be maintained for capital assets and small and attractive assets:

- Purchase date, purchase cost and vendor
- Name/brief description
- Location of the asset
- Individual responsible for the asset
- Source of funding (i.e. which fund purchased the asset and whether it was grant funded)
- Estimated life of the asset
- Identifying number, if applicable
- Disposal date