

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-130

DATE: April 18, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GARAGING VEHICLES OFF CITY PROPERTY

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize three Senior Park Ranger II supervisors, including the Acting Division Chief, to regularly garage their assigned City vehicles (overnight and weekends) away from assigned headquarters in order to expedite immediate and dependable access to transportation outfitted and equipped for citywide emergency response and to efficiently conduct official Department business at any location or time as may be required.

SUMMARY:

In 1999, in compliance with CAO Rule #5, the Chief Ranger requested, and was officially granted authorization for home garaging of his Department vehicle. Since the Chief's recent resignation, no Rangers have been granted this authority for immediate access to an equipped Division vehicle. Three Senior Ranger II's currently manage Division Operations and are responsible for ensuring lawful and orderly administration of applicable Department policy. These administrators require dependable and efficient access to their Department vehicles as a means of conducting official business whenever a need must be met.

Since 1988, when the Park Rangers were granted peace officer status, the Commanding Officer or Unit Chief was authorized by the General Manager to regularly garage his/her assigned Division vehicle at his/her private residence. From 1990-97, the home garaging privilege was also extended to four Senior Ranger I's who bore lead responsibility for supervising and overseeing Ranger operations in each region throughout the City.

Approval to garage off City property enables the Chief and Division supervisors to maintain around the clock readiness to officially and effectively respond, without delay, to any demand affecting public and employee health/safety, peace officer safety/integrity, and to time sensitive special service requests made by Council, Department managers, or other high ranking authorities.

This report was prepared by Gary Newton.