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BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS

POLICY 524 PARKING VIOLATIONS & 72-HOUR ENFORCEMENT

524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the issuing of parking citations and the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the Buena Park City Ordinance § 10.24.050 regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code §§ 22652.6 and 22669.

524.1.1 ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

This policy pertains to the following CALEA Standards: 61.1.12, 61.4.3

524.2 POLICY

The Buena Park Police Department will enforce all California Vehicle Code and City of Buena Park ordinances related to parked or abandoned vehicles within its jurisdiction.

524.3 PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Parking enforcement is primarily the function of the Traffic Enforcement Specialists (TES) assigned to the Traffic Bureau. Officers supplement the efforts of the TES in the enforcement of parking laws and ordinances, as well as the marking and removal of abandoned vehicles.

524.3.1 PARKING CITATIONS

The TES generates an electronic citation for the violators or vehicles they encounter. The issuing officer uploads all electronic parking citations into the Parking Citation Service Center operated by Phoenix, a contracted citation handling company.

Paper parking citations are available for use by officers not issued electronic citation equipment. The approved Department citation form is a duplicate format allowing for officer notes on the back of the "Processor" copy of the citation. When a paper parking citation is issued, the "Violator" copy is left on the violating vehicle, and the "Processor" copy is forwarded to the Traffic Bureau, and then to Phoenix for processing.

524.4 ABANDONED VEHICLE / 72-HOUR VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

Abandoned or disabled vehicles on the roadway can present traffic hazards and/or contribute to quality of life issues within the community. Employees shall follow the guidelines and procedures outlined in this policy when dealing with abandoned vehicles.

524.4.1 MARKING VEHICLES

Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the of 72-Hour parking ordinance shall be marked in accordance with current law and noted on the Marked Vehicle Card. No case number is required at this time.

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Upon recheck of the vehicle, any deviation in markings shall be noted on the Marked Vehicle Card. The investigating employee should make a good-faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone, or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

All Marked Vehicle Cards shall be submitted to the Traffic Bureau for computer data entry. If a marked vehicle has been moved, or the markings have been removed during a 72-hour investigation period, the vehicle shall be marked again for the 72-hour parking violation and a Marked Vehicle Card completed and forwarded to the Traffic Bureau.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance shall not be issued when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation.

524.4.2 MARKED VEHICLE FILE

The Traffic Bureau shall be responsible for maintaining a file for all Marked Vehicle Cards.

Traffic personnel assigned to the Traffic Bureau shall be responsible for the follow-up investigation of all 72-hour parking violations noted on the Marked Vehicle Cards.

524.4.3 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report (CHP form 180) shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle. See BPPD Policy § 510, Vehicle Towing and Release, for additional information on vehicle storage.