OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 17 **June 7, 2007**

SUBJECT: IMPOUNDING VEHICLES FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22651(k), VEHICLE PARKED OR LEFT STANDING UPON A HIGHWAY FOR 72-HOURS OR MORE; AND WARNING OF PARKING VIOLATION, FORM 04.10.00 - REVISED

PURPOSE: A recent court decision has mandated that the City revise Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)Section 80.73.2, Use of Street for Storage of Vehicles, to make the Municipal Code Section consistent with the California Vehicle Code. This Order establishes procedures consistent with the revision and subsequently revises the Warning of Parking Violation, Form 04.10.00.

PROCEDURE:

I. **PRE-IMPOUND INVESTIGATION.** Generally, all requests for the removal of abandoned vehicles should be forwarded to the Department of Transportation. However, should officers choose to take enforcement action, they shall:

- Mark the vehicle's tires with chalk;
- Mark the pavement around the vehicle's tires with chalk;
- Indicate the location of the valve stems of the tires as they relate to a clock face, (i.e., left front tire valve at 2 O'clock, right rear tire valve at 6 O'clock); and,
- Ensure this information is later documented in the narrative section of the Vehicle Impound Report CHP 180 Form.

Note: Pre-impound hearings are no longer required.

II. **IMPOUNDING VEHICLES PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 80.73.2 AS AUTHORIZED BY VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22561(k) OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.** If a vehicle remains parked in the same location and the chalk marks remain unchanged for 72 consecutive hours or longer, officers who choose to impound the vehicle shall:

- Issue the vehicle a parking citation for violation of LAMC Section 80.73.2;
- Impound the vehicle as authorized by 22651(k) of the California Vehicle Code;

- * Record the information detailing the location of the chalk marks and tire valve stems (mentioned above)in the narrative portion of the Vehicle Impound Report;
- * Record the date and time the vehicle's tires were originally marked with chalk along with the date and time the tire valve stem positions were originally observed, in the narrative section of the Vehicle Impound Report.

  Note: If the officer citing and impounding the vehicle is different from the officer that originally observed and marked the tires of the vehicle, the impounding officer shall include the name and serial number of the officer making the initial observations in the narrative of the impound report.

FORMS AVAILABILITY: The revised Warning of Parking Violation, Form 04.10.00, will be available for ordering from the Distribution Center, Department of General Services, in about 90 days. Department Personnel shall continue to use the Warning of Parking Violation until the revised form is available.

AMENDMENTS: This Order adds Department Manual Section 4/222.19, and revises Department Manual Section 4/222.35.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: Bureau commanding officers shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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