OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 8 April 13, 2018

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON

SUBJECT: PURCHASING VEHICLE(S) OR VEHICLE PART(S) FROM OFFICIAL POLICE GARAGES – REVISED

PURPOSE: Gaining the public's trust is an essential component for the success of any law enforcement agency and must therefore be carefully guarded. Public trust can erode when there is a perception by the public that a Department employee has used or appears to have used an unfair advantage to acquire an ownership interest in property previously forfeited as a result of an investigation in which any Department employee participated in. Current laws and regulations applicable to the sale or disposal of impounded vehicles provide only limited safeguards against conflicts of interest and unfair or irregular practices. Department Manual Section 1/270.40, *Purchasing Vehicle(s) or Vehicle Part(s) from Official Police Garages*, has been revised in order to address the Department's policy regarding this topic.

PROCEDURE: Attached is the revised Department Manual Section 1/270.40, *Purchasing Vehicle(s) or Vehicle Part(s) from Official Police Garages,* with the revisions indicated in italics.

AMENDMENT: This Order amends Section 1/270.40 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachment

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270.40 PURCHASING VEHICLE(S) OR VEHICLE PART(S) FROM OFFICIAL POLICE GARAGES. Department employees are prohibited from purchasing (or attempting to negotiate a purchase) or accepting, in any manner, vehicle(s) or vehicle part(s) from *any City of Los Angeles* Official Police Garage (OPG). *Department employees are prohibited from purchasing (or attempting to negotiate a purchase) or accepting, in any manner, vehicle(s) or vehicle part(s) from any auction or sale (whether inside or outside the City limits), where the concerned Department employee knew or reasonably should have known that the vehicle or vehicle part(s) had been impounded, booked, seized, or forfeited as a result of an investigation in which any Department employee participated in.*

This prohibition shall apply to participation in auctions and sales, whether the participation is in person or by proxy. A violation of this policy occurs whether or not the Department employee intends to register, resell, transfer, drive or personally use the vehicle or vehicle part(s). Employees who fail to adhere to this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.