

Chapter 207

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Littleton: Art. I, 1-27-86; Art. II, 6-9-86. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I
Personal Use
[Adopted 1-27-86]

§ 207-1. Use restricted.

It is the policy of the Town of Littleton that all municipally owned vehicles are to be used exclusively for town purposes. Employees are not to use the vehicles for personal purposes other than de minimus personal use.

§ 207-2. Exceptions.

When it is in the interest of the Town of Littleton, such as when an employee is on call or the security of the vehicle is deemed at risk, employees will be allowed to take the vehicle home at the end of the workday. Such personal use is expressly limited to commuting, and other personal use is prohibited.

ARTICLE II
Seat Belt Policy
[Adopted 6-9-86]

§ 207-3. When use required.

It is the policy of the Town of Littleton to require that all employees wear seat belts while operating or riding in municipally owned or leased vehicles or in other vehicles while on municipal business.

§ 207-4. Findings; purpose.

- A. A large percentage of municipal employees operate cars, trucks and other municipal mobile equipment in the course of their work. Driving places heavy demands upon an employee's alertness, judgment and skill. Driving errors that an employee may make can be costly to the municipality, but of greater importance is the potential which exists for serious injuries to the employee and members of the general public.
- B. Municipal vehicles are easily identified as such and constitute a traveling advertisement seen by many citizens. They have what advertising men call "high exposure." This exposure exerts an important influence upon good or bad public relations for the municipality since safe, courteous driving habits build a positive public image. In addition, naturally, the application of the principles of defensive driving helps avoid accidents.

§ 207-5. Compliance required.

This policy insists that all town employees comply with this policy, including Police and Fire Departments.

§ 207-6. Existence of state standards.

Massachusetts adopted a seat belt law, effective January 1, 1986. Everyone will wear seat belts while driving or riding in vehicles which had seat belts as original equipment.

