



Public Safety and Justice Committee Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2018 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Riverton Room

PS&J Councilmembers:
Joel Wachtel, Chair
Mayor Mike Siefkes
Erin Sitterley

Note: A quorum of the Council may be present.

PS&J Staff Coordinator: Carl Cole, Police Chief

ITEM	TOPIC	PROCESS	WHO	TIME
1	Call to Order		Chair	
2	Vehicle Trespass Ordinance	Presentation	C. Cole	10
3	Contracted Security Services	Update	T. Ramsaur	20
4	Police Contract Services Review RFP	Update	T. Ramsaur	20
5	Municipal Court Options	Presentation	T. Ramsaur	10
6	Mailbox Replacement Program	Presentation	W. Appleton	20
7	Public Comment	Please raise your hand if you'd like to speak so the Chair can call on you. Public comments are limited to 10 minutes total and three minutes per individual speaker. Time may be reduced for each speaker to stay within the 10-minute time limit.	Chair	10
	Adjourn		Chair	

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2018
Potential Meeting Topics: Through Hauling Presentation (shared with T&PW)

Security Screening Functions (current schedule)

Hours of Operation	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
	Court	Probation	Police	Court	Probation	Police	Court	Probation	Police	Court	Probation	Police	Court	Probation	Police
8:30am															
9:00am															
10:30am															
11:30am															
12:30pm															
1:30pm															
2:30pm															
3:30pm															
4:00pm															
4:30pm															
Scheduled	7.5hrs			8hrs			8hrs			8hrs			0hrs		

Court: Required by RCW to Provide screening for weapons

Probation: Weapons screening provided when meeting with clients

Police: Weapons screening provided when entering Police Department

Each finger printing takes approx. 30 minutes with 6 scheduled times per day

13-20 applicants per week are served

Hours per Week	Cost per hour per contractor (1)	52 week Yearly Total
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20	\$ 30.78	\$ 32,011.20
24	\$ 30.78	\$ 38,413.44
32	\$ 30.78	\$ 51,217.92
40	\$ 30.78	\$ 64,022.40
45	\$ 30.78	\$ 72,025.20

(1) Contractors per hour price increases with less than 40 hr/week



Memorandum

Date: January 23, 2018

To: Chief Cole

Via: Chain of Command

From: Sergeant Dery

Re: VEHICLE TRESPASS

I propose the City of SeaTac create a new law titled "Vehicle Trespass".

The City of SeaTac along with other local jurisdictions have a major problem with stolen cars. Cars are often stolen and dumped throughout the city. On occasions that someone is arrested possessing the stolen car a detective needs to check the KCPAO Filing Standards to see if that person can be charged. More times than not we cannot charge them and the person is released then recommitting the same crime.

The City of Kent passed a law titled "Vehicle Trespass". The law reads:

Kent Municipal Code 9.02.740 Vehicle Trespass Prohibited

- A. A person is guilty of vehicle trespass if he or she knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a vehicle belonging to another.
- B. As used in this section:
 - a. The word *enter* shall include the entrance of the person, or the insertion of any part of his or her body, or any instrument or weapon held in his or her hand.
 - b. A person *enters or remains unlawfully in or upon a vehicle* when he or she is not licensed, invited or otherwise privileged to so enter or remain.
- C. Vehicle trespass is a misdemeanor.

KCPAO Filing Standards for Stolen Vehicle:

- Possession of a stolen vehicle shall be charged when a defendant can be shown to have been exercising dominion and control *with knowledge that the vehicle was stolen*. If it is clear that the defendant actually stole the vehicle, then theft of a motor vehicle shall be charged.
- Passengers - Possession of a Motor Vehicle may be charged if there is sufficient evidence to prove that the passenger was either responsible for stealing the vehicle or that, before the arrest, the passenger drove the stolen vehicle *with knowledge that it was stolen*.

The biggest problem for us in filing cases is "knowledge the vehicle was stolen". In a lot of our cases the driver has the keys because the keys were stolen with the car and the driver says a friend let them borrow the car. Without a damaged steering column or admission from the driver then charges aren't filed. The same for passengers. Adding the law of "Vehicle Trespass" takes the knowledge part out. It simply says if they enter or remain in a vehicle belonging to another. Often when we get fingerprint hits from stolen cars but that still doesn't give us enough to charge with possession. A fingerprint hit off the interior of a stolen car with this law would allow us to charge the person.

I called Kent PD and spoke with a property crimes detective. His experience with the "Vehicle Trespass" law has been great. They have been able to charge many more people caught driving stolen vehicles than they were before. They are also able to charge passengers when it is nearly impossible to charge them with a felony.

This new law would only apply to adults since juveniles are charged through King County Superior Court. Even with not being able to charge juveniles I feel this new law will have a positive effect on our stolen car problem.



MEMORANDUM

To: Public Safety and Justice Committee
Through: Carl Cole, Chief of Police
From: William Appleton, Public Works Director
Date: 3/6/18
Subject: Neighborhood Mailbox Replacement Program

Purpose:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from committee regarding the creation of a mailbox replacement program intended to help reduce mail theft within the City of SeaTac.

Background:

The Mayor and Council have expressed a strong interest in reducing mail theft within our community and have asked staff to develop a city-wide program that will aid in accomplishing this goal. While difficult to quantify what the cost is to the SeaTac Police Department to investigate mail thefts and the subsequent fallout crimes (Identity Theft, Fraud, Drug Crimes, etc.), staff are confident that when taken in its totality, mail theft is a precursor to a significant amount of crime in SeaTac^[wsa], and that it costs our residents, businesses, visitors and banks, millions of dollars each year.

By reducing mail theft the City will free up Police resources to address other priorities; therefore, staff is recommending that a citywide program be created to make available and install locking mailboxes for SeaTac property owners. An outline of the program is as follows:

- The General Fund will provide program Funding.
 - Estimated Installation costs for 100 units - \$15,000 to \$20,000;
 - Estimated cost for 100 mailboxes (City to be reimbursed) – \$12,000 to \$14,000.
- Program administration will be provided by Police and Public Works
 - Police will perform program advertisement and public engagement;
 - Public Works will perform scoping, bidding, contracting and inspection.
- In 2018, the City will initially purchase 100 locking mailboxes to be used to startup the program.
 - City will select a mailbox that is highly secure, durable and proven;

- City will purchase mailboxes in bulk to minimize the individual cost.
- The program will be open to owners of single family residential units including duplexes and triplexes as well as business property owners having individual mailboxes.
 - Property owners sign up for the program by purchasing a mailbox from the city, and are responsible for prepaying the full cost of the new mailbox;
 - For those property owners that have incomes below 50% of the median, the cost of the mailbox will be subsidized 50% by the city (similar to our Human Services Programs);
 - Property owners are required to sign an installation agreement as needed;
 - Once installed, the mailbox will become the total responsibility of the property owner;
 - Open to all on a first come first served basis.
- The city will develop a mailbox installation scope of work, assemble the contractor bid package and manage the contract; this approach will ensure that all mailboxes are installed properly, uniformly and meet US Postal Service Standards.
 - Installation of the mailboxes will be provided by the City;
 - The installation budget will be commensurate with the savings estimated by the City from a reduction in mail theft (estimated at \$25k to \$50k);
 - City contractor will insure uniform and proper installation. Work will be inspected by Public Works;
 - Individuals wishing to purchase a mailbox from the City and self install must agree to perform the installation according to the program standard;
 - City cannot guarantee or warranty the mailbox after installation.

Approval to develop and execute the subject program in 2018 will require approval of a budget amendment ordinance authorizing unallocated general funds in the amount of \$34,000 to be assigned to this program; a portion of these funds would be reimbursed as mailboxes are purchased by property owners. The amount recommended for allocated in the 2019-2020 budget will be based upon 2018 program results. Development and implementation of the initial program is estimated to require 2-3 months after adoption.

If approved, this program will be highlighted in the sidewalk and street improvement programs and participation encouraged from those property owners that have impacted mailboxes. Installation would be part of the programs while the cost of the boxes would remain the responsibility of the owners.