



TOWN OF  
**LOS GATOS**  
CALIFORNIA

## COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

*Small Town Service*

*Community Stewardship*

*Future Focus*

**TITLE:** Town Vehicle and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Policy

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**APPROVED:** Mayor Linda Lubeck

### PURPOSE

To set forth specific procedures for the acquisition and disposal of vehicle and motorized equipment used by the Town of Los Gatos.

### SCOPE

This policy will apply to the acquisition and disposal of vehicles and equipment used by all Town Departments.

### POLICY

When purchasing vehicles or motorized equipment or disposing of surplus vehicles and equipment, the following will apply:

- A. Replacement of vehicles and motorized equipment is based on an equipment replacement schedule that allows for replacement on a programmed cycle. The recommended basis is as follows:

#### Vehicle/Equipment Type

#### Replacement Cycle

Police Patrol

3 years and/or 85,000 miles

Police Undercover (used, 1 to 2 years old)

4 years and/or 75,000 miles

Police Sedans (used, 1 to 2 years old)

4 years and/or 75,000 miles

Motor Cycles

4 years and/or 42,000 miles

Parking Vehicles

6 years and/or 75,000 miles

All-Terrain Vehicle

8 years and/or 50,000 miles

Police Vans

6 years and/or 85,000 miles

Sedans (new)

8 years and/or 85,000 miles

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<u>Vehicle/Equipment Type</u>	<u>Replacement Cycle</u>
Sedans (used 1 to 2 years old)	6 years and/or 85,000 miles
Pickups (gas)	8 years and/or 72,000 miles
Pickups (diesel)	12 years and/or 100,000 miles
Medium Trucks (gas)	8 years and/or 80,000 miles
Medium Trucks (diesel)	12 years and/or 100,000 miles
Heavy Trucks (gas)	8 years and/or 80,000 miles
Heavy Trucks (diesel)	15 years and/or 100,000 miles
Lawn Mowers	6 years
Roadable Mowers	8 years
Vans	8 years and/or 100,000 miles
Sweepers	6 years and/or 65,000 miles
Backhoes	10 years and/or 7,000 hours
Loaders	12 years and/or 7,200 hours
Graders	20 years and/or 9,000 hours
Aerial Units	12 years and/or 80,000 miles
Chippers	10 years and/or 5,000 hours
Compressors	12 years and/or 5,000 hours
Forklifts	17 years and/or 9,000 hours
Rollers	15 years
Trailers	10 years
Sprayers	8 years
Sewer Cleaners	6 years
Rodders	10 years

The equipment/replacement list will be used as a guideline in the replacement of vehicles and equipment. Other factors that will be used in the evaluation process include:

1. Overall conditions of vehicles and equipment
2. Repair records.
3. Vehicle efficiency and safety.
4. Service life related to extended use in other departments.

**B. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM:**

When purchasing vehicles and equipment, the town of Los Gatos will invite vendors (local and non-local) to submit bids. Where applicable, the Town will use the State of California Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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C. SPECIFICATIONS:

The Department of Parks and Public Works will review all specifications for vehicles and motorized equipment to be purchased by the Town of Los Gatos. Specifications will be prepared based on user needs, operating costs, safety factors, life expectancy, new technology, availability, and cost. When applicable, performance standards will be included in the specification writing process.

D. VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL:

Disposal may take place via trade-in when vehicles or equipment are purchased. If the trade-in offer is deemed insufficient, the Town will advertise and surplus items at a minimum pre-determined price. When possible, staff will try to offer specialized vehicles, such as Police patrol cars, to agencies that need such equipment but may not be able to purchase new equipment. Prior to the disposal of vehicle or equipment, the Parks and Public Works Department will determine if reassignment to another department is warranted.

E. RESPONSIBILITY:

All applicable departments within the Town of Los Gatos who are assigned vehicles or motorized equipment may be involved in the procurement/disposal process.

1. Finance personnel and the Town Manager shall review the equipment replacement list annually to ensure that replacement costs for vehicles and equipment are current and in-line with long-term replacement needs.
2. Each Department is responsible for requesting vehicle or equipment replacement during the annual budget process.
3. The Parks and Public Works Department will prepare vehicle specifications for all Town Departments except the Police Department.
4. The Parks and Public Works Department will review all Town specifications for vehicles and motorized equipment.
5. Disposal or reassignment of surplus vehicles and equipment will be coordinated by the Parks and Public Works Department.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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/s/ Orry Korb, Town Attorney