

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE NO. 18

April 21, 1997

TO: All Personnel, Office of Operations

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE (CVC) SECTION 4022, RE:
REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS INVOLVING REPOSSESSED VEHICLES

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE

This Notice provides clarity on vehicle release procedures which involve registration fees on impounded vehicles associated with vehicle repossessions.

NOTE: This Notice supersedes Office of Operations (O.O.) Notice No. 49, 1996, titled "Clarification of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 4022 and Vehicle Release Procedures." It also clarifies the "Note" on page number four (4) of O.O. Order No. 6, 1996, titled "Towing and Release Procedures for Vehicle Repossessions."

INFORMATION

The City Attorney's Office has opined that the legislative intent of the enactment of Section 4022 CVC (Registration: Exemption: Repossessed Vehicles) was to exempt a legal reposessor from paying overdue Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registration fees on all types of impounds. It is the City Attorney's opinion that these fees are the responsibility of the legal owner, or the person purchasing the vehicle from a licensed motor vehicle auction.

PROCEDURES

Effective immediately, whenever a vehicle impounded by the Department is to be released to a legal reposessor, pursuant to the terms of a security agreement, the reposessor shall be exempt from paying registration fees under the following circumstances:

- * When transporting a repossessed vehicle from the point of repossession to a storage facility and/or;
- * From a storage facility to the legal owner, or a licensed motor vehicle auction.

NOTE: Nothing in this Notice exempts vehicle repossessors from paying other associated fees (e.g. impound charges).

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the Traffic Coordination Section, at (213) 893-8118.



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