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Funding for much of these vehicle purchases is coming from the DOJ Coronavirus Supplemental Funding Grant. According to the DOJ, this grant is meant to “provide funding to assist in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.” I don’t believe buying 3 new police cars is the intended purpose of this funding. This money could be spent in a multitude of ways to better benefit the community. Such as buying PPE so our doctors and nurses can effectively treat COVID-19 patients without putting themselves at risk, or helping to pay the medical bills for people who cannot afford the medical care required due to COVID19. If we want our community to be safer and healthier we have to make sure everyone has access to the medical care they need without fearing the financial burden. Money allocated to RCPD could be better spent supporting non-militarized organizations that have staff better suited to dealing with public health issues.
Comment: In observing our community I find the half measures implemented are not enough to sufficiently impact the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While the appearance of action may contribute to the general feeling that measures are being taken to slow the spread, the results are inconsequential. Half measures are useless, the public are moderately adhering to the recommendations, and a significant portion of the public, local and visitors, are ignoring the recommendations entirely. This creates an issue that the city cannot overcome. Should the city continue to mandate the strict guidelines only hinders the local businesses with policy that does not accomplish the objective. People must assume personal responsibility in this time. More and more people are coming and we can't stop them. I suggest the alternate resolution and let the people manage their businesses and interactions as it seems best for their situation.