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November 27, 2017

Joel Landeen  
City Attorney  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Request for an adjustment to City Ordinance 5.52.130, Merchant Security Vehicle Identification

Dear Mr. Landeen,

I respectfully request that the City Attorney's Office considering reconstructing the ordinance regarding Merchant Security Vehicle Identification.

It has come to my attention that some local security vendors are utilizing the word "PATROL" on vehicle markings in and around Rapid City. The markings on the vehicles clearly resemble those currently used by the South Dakota Highway Patrol. In addition, the badge placement, or company logo, is in a common position currently used by our agency.

In order to prevent confusion with a state law enforcement vehicle operated by the South Dakota Highway Patrol, I would request restrictions be put in place that would limit the use of the current private security companies. The marking should be limited to the word "SECURITY" or something similar that prevents the company from being mistaken for a law enforcement vehicle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Captain Jason Ketterling  
South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City

