



# RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

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Joel Landeen  
City Attorney  
300 Sixth St.  
Rapid City, SD

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

Dear Mr. Landeen,

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

Firstly, the term "merchant security" is outdated and could be replaced with "Private Security." Secondly, and more importantly, I believe it is necessary to require private security companies to clearly identify themselves as "Security" on their marked vehicles. I would suggest "SECURITY" should be conspicuously displayed on both sides and the rear of any private security vehicle.

This is important so members of the community can easily distinguish a private security vehicle from a Police vehicle. Currently, a private security company has the term "PATROL" displayed, and I believe this can cause confusion and could have an adverse impact on public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Karl Jegeris  
Chief of Police