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February 21, 2013

City Council President Patricia Pope
Marlborough City Council
140 Main Street
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Re: Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy Amendment

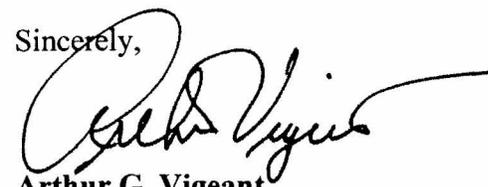
Honorable President Pope and Councilors:

I have enclosed for you an amendment to our Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy as part of the Green Communities Program.

In 2010 Marlborough was certified as a "Green Community." One of the criteria to be eligible was the passage of a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy, which was passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor.

However, because of the changing nature of vehicles, the Green Communities program has required that communities amend their policies by adding a minor change as follows. Instead of including the actual list of what vehicle "Miles per Gallon" MPG rating is required; the new language simply references the most recent Green Communities Division Criteria 4 as outlined on the DOER website which must be consulted before a vehicle is purchased. The amended policy reflecting this language is included for your review and approval.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigeant
Mayor

City of Marlborough
FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In an effort to reduce the City of Marlborough's fuel consumption and energy costs over the next 5 years the City hereby adopts a policy, where practicable, to purchase only fuel efficient vehicles to meet this goal.

PURPOSE

To establish a requirement that the City of Marlborough, use reasonable efforts, to purchase only fuel efficient vehicles for municipal/school use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all divisions and departments of the City of Marlborough.

GUIDELINES

All departments / divisions shall purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

The City of Marlborough will maintain an annual vehicle inventory for ALL vehicles and a plan for replacing non-exempt vehicles with vehicles that meet, at a minimum, the fuel efficiency ratings contained in the most recent guidance for Criteria 4 published by the MA Department of Energy Resources' Green Communities Division. This Green Communities' Guidance for Criteria 4 must be checked for updates prior to ordering replacement vehicles; go to: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/green-communities/grant-program/gc-criterion4-guidance.pdf>.

Exemptions

Heavy-duty vehicles such as fire-trucks, ambulances, and public works trucks are exempt from this criterion

Police cruisers are exempt from this criterion. However, municipalities must use reasonable efforts to purchasing fuel efficient cruisers when they become commercially available and practicable. Police department administrative vehicles must meet fuel efficient requirements.

DEFINITIONS

Combined city and highway MPG (EPA Combined fuel economy): Combined Fuel Economy means the fuel economy from driving a combination of 43% city and 57% highway miles and is calculated as follows: $=1/((0.43/City\ MPG)+(0.57/highway\ MPG))$

Drive System: The manner in which mechanical power is directly transmitted from the drive shaft to the wheels. The following codes are used in the drive field:

AWD = All Wheel Drive: four-wheel drive automatically controlled by the vehicle powertrain system

4WD = 4-Wheel Drive: driver selectable four-wheel drive with 2-wheel drive option

2WD = 2-Wheel Drive

Heavy-duty truck: A vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 8,500 pounds.

Arthur G. Vigeant, Mayor

Stephen Dlott

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Effective Date: _____