Subchapter Eighteen: Limitations on Use of Police Vehicles

1.18.010 General Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than a police officer of the Town of Colma to drive or ride as a passenger in a police vehicle of the Town of Colma when said vehicle is on police duty including patrolling or responding to police calls, save and except when specifically authorized by the Chief of Police of the Town of Colma and by the exceptions set forth in Section 1.18.020 below.

[*History*: formerly § 2.401; ORD. 295, 2/08/84; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

1.18.020 Exceptions.

(a) Passengers may be allowed to ride in a Colma police vehicle as part of an informational "ride-along" program under rules and regulations established by the Chief of Police; provided, however, that such program provides for (i) at least two police officers to be in the vehicle and (ii) further provided that the non-police passenger shall not participate as a passenger in such a program more often than once in any 18-month period.

(b) The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to passengers who are bona fide members of a sheriff's department or another police department working jointly with the Police Department of the Town of Colma.

(c) As a further exception to the above restrictions, police cars may be used to transport passengers for other than normal police duties under regulations established by the Chief of Police and approved by at least four members of the City Council for the purpose of assisting Colma residents who are handicapped, infirm, aged or indigent; for authorized participation in parades and public celebrations; and for participation when authorized at funerals of Colma officers and residents.

(d) A violation of this ordinance shall be an infraction.

[*History*: formerly § 2.402; ORD. 295, 2/08/84; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]