

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Substituted, 3/21/2017)

[Police Code - Rental Car Disclosure Requirements]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to require rental car companies to provide written disclosures to customers advising them to remove valuables from the rental vehicle and lock the doors.

Existing Law

Existing law requires all companies or individuals that rent or lease motor vehicles for 60 days or less to obtain a permit from the Police Department for each location in the City where the permittee rents or leases motor vehicles. Permit holders must maintain certain records regarding each rental transaction. Permit holders are prohibited from renting motor vehicles to unlicensed drivers. The Police Department may revoke a permit for cause after a hearing. Existing law does not compel companies or individuals that rent motor vehicles in the City to advise customers of the risk of auto burglaries.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require companies or individuals in the City that rent or lease motor vehicles for 60 days or less, as a condition of the permit from the Police Department, to advise customers not to leave valuables in the rented vehicle and to lock the doors of the vehicle. This disclosure must be made in three ways: (1) a written notice provided to the driver at the time of rental or on an email confirmation sent to the driver at the time of an online reservation, (2) signs posted in the rental office, and (3) on the key ring or somewhere in the compartment of the vehicle. The proposed ordinance also renumbers the existing code sections that contain the permitting requirements and makes other clerical or technical changes not intended for any substantive purpose.