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**SUBJECT MATTER:** City Vehicle Parked at Private Residence During Workweek Daytime Hours

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 17, 2022, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint stating that there is someone who lives near the complainant who has been parking a current City of Albuquerque (City) vehicle at a private residence for over a year and a half. The complainant stated this is during the week from early day to afternoon. The complainant further stated that this individual now parks the City vehicle behind other personal vehicles and around it in their driveway to seemingly hide it.

According to City Ordinance 2-17-2, the Inspector General's goals are to (1) Conduct investigations in an efficient, impartial, equitable, and objective manner; (2) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in city activities including all city contracts and partnerships; (3) Deter criminal activity through independence in fact and appearance, investigation and interdiction; and (4) Propose ways to increase the city's legal, fiscal and ethical accountability to insure that tax payers' dollars are spent in a manner consistent with the highest standards of local governments.

The complainant identified the address where the City vehicle is allegedly parked and the OIG was able to identify that the individual who lives at this address is a current City employee (E1). The OIG was also able to identify the City vehicle assigned to E1. The vehicle is equipped with GPS and data was pulled to determine the vehicle's information for the past several months.

While conducting our fact-finding investigation, the OIG reviewed the vehicle's GPS data, reviewed E1's timesheet information, and gathered information from E1's supervisor (S1). The OIG also reviewed City ordinances related to City vehicle usage.

As a result of the investigation, the OIG could only partially substantiate the allegation regarding a City vehicle being parked at a private residence during the workweek. S1 verified that E1 has an assigned City take-home vehicle. The OIG reviewed a copy of the City's Building Safety Take Home Assigned Vehicle Agreement, which was signed by E1 on April 11, 2022. A review of the GPS vehicle data for E1's assigned City vehicle for May and June 2022, along with a review of E1's timesheet information, revealed that E1 worked their regular scheduled hours and utilized the City vehicle away from their private residence during these working hours. A review of the GPS vehicle data for E1's assigned City vehicle for July 2022 revealed that E1's assigned City vehicle was not in use. However, E1's timesheet information revealed that E1 was out on "Injury Time" for the majority of the month. A review of the GPS vehicle data for E1's assigned City vehicle from August 1, 2022 through September 23, 2022 revealed that E1's assigned City vehicle was not in use, although a review of E1's timesheet information revealed that E1 worked their regular schedule during this period. However, discussions with S1 and a review of documents provided by S1 revealed that E1 had a work-related injury and as a result, was placed on modified duty and was prohibited by the City's Employee Health Center from driving a City vehicle. As part of E1's modified duty, E1 has been assigned duties that allow E1 to remote work strictly from E1's private residence.

## ABBREVIATIONS

City: City of Albuquerque  
E1: Employee 1  
S1: Employee 1's Supervisor  
OIG: Office of Inspector General

## INVESTIGATION

### Background

The complainant provided the physical address where the City vehicle in question has allegedly been parked, and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) was able to identify that the individual who lives at this address is a current City of Albuquerque (City) employee (E1). The OIG was also able to identify the vehicle assigned to E1. The vehicle is equipped with a GPS device and the OIG was able to access the vehicle data from May 1, 2022 through September 23, 2022. The OIG also reviewed E1's timesheet information for this same period.

**Allegation 1:** A current City of Albuquerque (City) vehicle has been parked at a private residence for over a year and a half. The City vehicle is there during the week from early day to afternoon.

**Analysis:** E1 does have an assigned City take-home vehicle. During the months of May 2022 and June 2022, E1 worked their regular scheduled hours and utilized the City vehicle away from their private residence during these working hours. Due to a work-related injury, E1 was on leave for the month of July 2022 and therefore, did not utilize their assigned City take-home vehicle. In addition, E1 has been on modified duty for August and September 2022 and is prohibited from driving their assigned City vehicle. As a result, E1's supervisor (S1) stated that E1 has been working remotely out of E1's private residence as instructed. In addition, during the OIG's discussion with S1, S1 stated that employees in the Building Safety division have only had an assigned City take-home vehicle for approximately the past six (6) or seven (7) months. S1 provided the OIG with a copy of the City's Building Safety Take Home Assigned Vehicle Agreement, which was signed by E1 on April 11, 2022. This contradicts the allegation that E1's City vehicle has been parked at their private residence for over a year and a half.

The OIG reviewed the GPS vehicle data for E1's assigned City take-home vehicle. The periods reviewed were: May 1 – 31, 2022; June 1 – 30, 2022; July 1 – 31, 2022; August 1 – 31, 2022; and September 1 – 23, 2022. The OIG also reviewed E1's timesheet information for these same periods.

The vehicle data revealed that during May 2022 E1's assigned City vehicle was in use and was away from E1's private residence during the weekdays, which coincides with the information shown on E1's timesheet. Two exceptions were noted by the OIG: one day when E1 took sick leave for the day and another exception when E1 was off for the Memorial Day holiday.

A review of the vehicle data for June 2022 revealed that E1's assigned City vehicle was in use and was away from E1's private residence during the weekdays, which coincides with the information shown on E1's timesheet. Two exceptions were noted by the OIG: one day when E1 took vacation leave for the day and another exception when E1 was off for the Juneteenth holiday.

A review of the vehicle data for July 2022 revealed E1's assigned City vehicle was not in use, except for July 4, 2022, when the vehicle showed being on for ten (10) minutes, but did not move. A second exception was July 26, 2022, when the vehicle showed being on for thirty-nine (39) seconds, but did not move. A review of E1's timesheet for the month of July 2022 revealed that E1 took vacation leave on July 1, 2022. E1 was also off of work on July 4, 2022 due to the Independence Day holiday. E1's timesheet further revealed that E1 was out on "Injury Time" from July 5, 2022 through July 25, 2022. E1's timesheet revealed that E1 resumed working their regular schedule effective July 26, 2022. Documents provided to the OIG by S1 revealed that E1 was cleared to return to modified work activity effective July 26, 2022, but was prohibited from driving a City vehicle due to injury.

A review of the vehicle data from August 1, 2022 through September 23, 2022 revealed that E1's vehicle was not in use. A review of E1's timesheet revealed that E1 worked their regular schedule throughout the month of August 2022. E1 also worked their regular schedule during the period reviewed for September 2022, except for September 5, 2022, which was the Labor Day holiday. A discussion with S1 and a review of documents provided by S1 revealed that E1 has been on modified duty due to a work-related injury and per the City's Employee Health Center, has been prohibited from driving a City vehicle. S1 explained that as part of E1's modified duty, E1 has been assigned duties that allow E1 to remote work strictly from E1's private residence.

**Allegation 1 Conclusion:** The OIG could only partially substantiate the allegation regarding a City vehicle being parked at a private residence during the week from early day to afternoon; however, the OIG could not substantiate any violation.