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## **City Council**

June 4, 2008

David Frazier SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Frazier:

Your request to examine or copy public records dated June 2, 2008 was received on June 2, 2008.

In accordance with Idaho State Code § 9-340C, certain limited personal information has been redacted from the documents you have requested which is exempt from public record disclosure. Otherwise, the documents attached meet with the terms of your request.

Your request for information under the Idaho Public Records law and this response have been reviewed by our legal counsel. The statutory exemptions provided herein shall not constitute a waiver of any and all other legal bases or privileges which may also be applicable.

The denial of a request may be appealed by filing a petition in conformance with the provisions of the Idaho Public Records law, Title 9, Chapter 3. Your petition must be filed in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Ada County, within 180 calendar days of the mailing of this notice.

Sincerely,

Amanda Brown

From:

Ginger Jewell

To:

eclegg@cityofbolse.org James Hall; Mollie Holt

CC: Date:

5/19/2008 2:45 PM

Subject:

Towing in Ann Morrison

Hello Elaine, Jim Hall has asked me to contact you concerning your daughter's car being towed on Saturday from Ann Morrison Park.

I would be happy to investigate the circumstances of the towing. If you can please give me the make, model, year and the licenses of your daughters car or fax to me (384-4127) the tow ticket; I will use this information to help research on the details of the tow.

I realize it is very painful to be involved in this situation. Saturday was a very busy time in Ann Morrison Park, the Great Potato Race was the scheduled event in the park, the Lacrosse Tournament was not scheduled also occurred. We try to avoid having two large events scheduled in the park at the same time due to the number of legal parking spaces. The Great Potato has approx. 1200 participants plus spectators, the Lacrosse Tournament apparently just showed up in the park without previous communications with us therefore I do not know many participants and spectators were involved in that event. The information the weekend staff turned in this morning concerning Saturday's events stated it was a overly busy day, very unsafe parking conditions, out of control environment and they did call in the Towing Company to assist with the problem.

In any case both events created a huge challenge, parking was a premium, when this occurs park visitors start parking everywhere; on the turf, yellow or red zones, handicap parking and double parking which are all illegal. At this time our staff or the police will call the towing company to remove the cars causing the disturbance. Most importantly this is done to keep the park safe and accessible in case of emergencies. This process has been in place since 2000. We do our best to have a handle on the amount of events scheduled in the park, we have increased park signs, curb painting to identify the no parking areas and our staff will alert park visitors when we can as to the parking hazards.

Please let me know if you have any questions I would be happy to discuss this with you over the phone or in person. Please call me at 631-1962 at your convenience.

Thank you,

Ginger Jewell, Park Event Coordinator Boise Parks & Recreation 1104 Royal Blvd, Boise ID 83706 208 384-4060 ext. 321 Fax 208 384-4127 gjewell@cityofboise.org www.cityofboise.org/parks/reservations From: To:

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Date:

5/19/2008 3:30 PM

Subject:

Re: Towing in Ann Morrison

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The car is a white Taurus, she has the other info for you.

Elaine Clegg Boise City Council eclegg@cityofboise.org

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5/19/2008 4:15 PM

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Thank you for your response, have your daughter fax that attention to me. I will be out of the office for the next few days but I will take care of this on my return.

I want to let you know I realize what your comments are addressing in reference to leaving someone stranded. When a car is towed it is because it is illegally parked for whatever reason. The Police will not write tickets mostly because in the past people would just say give me the ticket and go ahead a park illegally - it was worth the \$10-\$25 to do so? crazy I know. I hope there is a common ground we can come to, education is the key here we just need to make more effort in educating the public on these issues and hope it encourages compliance.

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