

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 4
General Subject: Public Safety
Specific Subject: Press Parking Privileges
Date Approved: August 19, 1974

PURPOSE

To establish standards for the distribution and use of press passes authorizing parking privileges in certain situations where representatives of the press are covering a news story.

RATIONALE

Although press passes have no legal basis in law, the City Council recognizes that a legitimate need may exist for special parking privileges to aid the press while reporters are covering a news story. However, since privileges of this nature arise only out of the unique characteristics of this vocation and from the public's right to information on occurrences or events within the City of Park Ridge, policy guidelines are necessary to aid code enforcement officials in averting abuses of the privilege.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. To each newspaper that reports Park Ridge news on a regular basis, the City Manager is authorized to issue up to six (6) official press passes imprinted with the words "Press Car" and identified by a City vehicle sticker or other distinctive symbol.
2. Press passes shall be numbered in numerical sequence and shall be issued to a specific news editor or reporter upon receipt by the manager of a list of said individuals from their respective employers. Press passes shall not be transferable from one person to another on a permanent basis except with the approval of the City Manager.
3. Press passes are intended to be used only by newspaper editors and reporters while covering a news story; provided, however, that press passes shall not be used within one thousand (1,000) feet of the respective offices to which they are assigned.
4. In using press passes, reporters shall respect all principles of traffic safety and common courtesy and shall interfere in no way with the work of public safety personnel or other City representatives in the fulfillment of their duties.