



Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
From: Chief John Pruitt 
Date: 10/7/2020
Re: Utilizing Infrastructure Surtax Funds to Purchase Vehicle

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

Town proceeds from the 1% Infrastructure Surtax that was instituted a couple years ago are required to be spent on infrastructure repairs and/or public safety and town vehicles and equipment only. The first year or so of receiving the funds, we allocated the money toward the infrastructure project. When the project was complete, we had to report to the Committee where the funds would be allocated in the future that complied with the State Law so that we could continue to receive the funds. We reported that we would utilize future funds to purchase town vehicles. The Committee approved our continued funding based upon that report. Our governmental accountant advised us that we received \$28,318.18 in this past fiscal year alone in surtax funds.

The 2013 Expedition is sun faded and has been costing us more and more in repairs over the past couple of years. It is 8 model years old now and most agencies swap out vehicles at the 5-year, or so, point to save on rising repair costs and maintain reliability.

Last year we assisted the FBI at purchasing the 2019 Law Enforcement Chevy Tahoe for the Sheriff's contract price of \$38,322 (Current value of \$54,585 to \$58,624). The agency is offering the vehicle back to us to purchase for only \$28,000. It now has only 121 miles and sat in their warehouse for the past year. It was utilized to test law enforcement equipment such as lighting systems. It is essentially brand new and is offered to us at below wholesale just for helping them with their project.

The purchase of this vehicle will replace our oldest vehicle and will save the taxpayers thousands of dollars since the funds have to be utilized for this type of purchase or we risk losing the funding in the future. Since our infrastructure is brand new and not in need of repairs at this time, I recommend utilizing the funds to replace Town vehicles as necessary, thus saving taxpayer money. No property tax money from the general fund will be expended to purchase this vehicle.

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEVIN LUCAS, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: RICHARD HARTLEY, CPA
SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX
DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2020

In accordance with the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony has the authority to use the surtax proceeds for various infrastructure projects. The term infrastructure is defined as it relates to the Section above as "A fire department vehicle, emergency medical services vehicle, sheriff's office vehicle, police department vehicle, or any other vehicle, and the equipment necessary to outfit the vehicle for its official use or equipment that has a life expectancy of at least 5 years".

The Town Administration has been accumulating the surtax funds over the last two years to purchase a new police department vehicle in accordance with the surtax guidelines.

Also, as per stated above "any other vehicle" is authorized for purchase, i.e. administrative vehicles.



2019 Chevrolet Tahoe Pricing Report

Style: Premier Sport Utility 4D

Mileage: 121

BB.com Consumer Rating: 3.9/5

Vehicle Highlights

Fuel Economy: City 16/Hwy 21/Comb 18 MPG

Transmission: Automatic, 6-Spd w/Overdrive

Engine: V8, EcoTec3, 5.3 Liter

Drivetrain: 4WD

Country of Assembly: United States

Country of Origin: United States

PA Class: Standard Sport Utility Vehicles

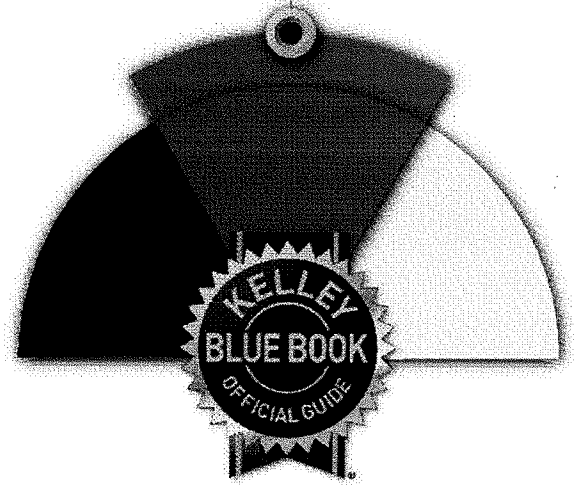
Max Seating: 8

Floors: 4

Body Style: Sport Utility

Sell to Private Party

Private Party Range
\$54,585 - \$58,624
Private Party Value
\$56,605



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