

Article 5 – Departmental Equipment

Article 5 is requesting the appropriation of funds for the purchase of vehicles for various departments.

4 – 4WD SUV	\$200,000.00
4 – Police Cruisers	\$220,000.00
1 – Fire Pickup w/plow	\$ 50,000.00
1 – Cemetery Pickup	\$ 50,000.00
1 – DPW Dump Truck	<u>\$ 95,000.00</u>
Total	\$615,000.00

Many of the vehicles purchased on behalf of the Town of Saugus in the past were salvage vehicles and at the time of purchase should not have been put on the road. Those vehicles are now substantially older - on average 13 – 15 years, no longer pass inspection, as well as continued increases to the maintenance cost – on average \$2,000 to \$3,000 per vehicle annually. In some cases, major repairs have been required to be made in order for the vehicle to pass inspection. This has created a safety issue with the use of these vehicles.

All of the vehicles listed here are used on a daily, high-demand, high-performance basis, should be fully functional, and safe.

The funding source for this appropriation is a borrowing authorization.

Small Sample of the Aging Fleet

Make/Model	Mileage	Age
2001 Chevy Tahoe	210,000	14
2004 Ford Expedition	130,000	14
2006 Chevy 3500 1-ton Dump Truck	105,000	12
2011 Ford Explorer	102,000	7
2005 Ford Explorer	100,000	13
2006 Chevy Silverado	90,000	12
2006 Ford Explorer	80,000	12
2014 Ford Expedition	78,000	4
1999 Chevy Pickup	70,000	19