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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
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David C. McFadden
Mayor

October 29, 2021

MEMO REGARDING THE NEW AUTO GATE SYSTEM

Rollout

I had a Zoom conference with the Chief and Denise on Tuesday and would like to share my notes.

The Chief and Denise altered their initial approach and made it easier for all parties by not requiring all vehicles to be registered - or pulled out of the line for the gate and forced to register. The Chief and Denise are aware that additional input from the Board and the public may result in other changes.

The Chief and Denise will develop a rollout plan that suits the needs of the Police Department and residents. I understand they have a meeting with Trustee Kasker next week. The Chief and Denise will also collect input from our officers, residents, SafePassage support, and communities that have rolled out SafePassage. They would like to focus on the rollout plan and ask that the Trustees approve all fee-related matters. That makes sense to me.

While preliminary, their approach is as follows:

They have divided the vehicles into three groups – Residents, TPS, and The Tuxedo Club. In that order, they would like to enroll as many vehicles as possible into the new auto gate system in year one.

Residents will have two choices - Enrolling in the new auto gate program or enrolling in the new Tag Program. The new auto gate system is optional but more attractive than opting out and using the new Tag system (details to follow). The new Tag system will help the Police collect all the old out of date Tags floating around.



Residents will be not be authorized to enter any license plate outside of their nuclear family, domestic help, and contractors. This decision was made to reduce liability to the Village and specifically the Police Officers on duty if we allow residents to enter anybody they want and commit a crime.

One metric they may use to grade success is this:

We average 15,000 vehicles per month entering the community. Enrolling half of those vehicles in year one would be an achievement. If they have an 80% enrollment in year three, they will consider that an accomplishment.

I want to thank the Chief and Denise for taking on this task.

Sincerely,

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