

From: Official Information
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2016 12:33 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I have a response from Unit staff in relation to your questions raised under LGOIMA on 4 January. These are below in blue text.

There are two questions (g and h) which I will seek refinement on. As they stand they are very broad and would require a considerable amount of staff time to identify and provide. So in the first instance I will ask you to refine those questions specifically. Perhaps if you were able to identify specific or types of documents for example.

- 1) Any and all information held by the Christchurch City Council related to parking enforcement on council streets. In particular:
 - a. Whether the Christchurch City Council has 'parking zones' where cars cannot be re-parked within that zone within the time limit advertised on the sign. (These zones were confirmed by the writer in a call to the Christchurch city council call centre on 4 February 2016 where the speaker stated that the City Council would ticket cars even if they moved within the 'zone'.)

Vehicles must leave the area to allow another vehicle the opportunity to park i.e. drive around the block, not move up a space within the time restricted area as the vehicle is still within the time restriction.
 - b. What the methodology used by parking inspectors to determine the vehicle parked has been parked longer than the allocated time.

Officers are required to chalk the vehicles tyre to determine if the vehicle has stayed beyond the allowed time or if the vehicle has moved.
 - c. Whether the above methodology is restricted to chalking or whether other systems are used.

Officers may stand and observe or use a discretionary additional chalk mark to determine if an offence is being committed.
 - d. A list of all chalk markings that are placed on tyres by inspectors and their meaning.

There is no official list of chalk markings, officers generally chalk the full time on the tyre but do use various chalking markings/methods to determine if an offence has been committed.
 - e. What methodology Christchurch City Council officers use when back-dating the time of vehicle wheels to cars they suspect have parked in the same 'parking zone' for longer than the allocated time.

Officers do not carry out this practice because as previously advised they chalk the vehicle when they observe it.
 - f. How Christchurch City Council officers determine that particular cars (even if this car is moved from its original park) are the same zone that the vehicle was originally parked in.

Officers can determine if a vehicle has left the area by checking if chalk is clear and visible. If the chalk is no longer clear and visible then the officer can assume that the vehicle has left the area.

- g. Any information the Christchurch City Council holds on the markings '9 – 5' displayed on car tires in addition to the time in the Montreal Street/South City area.
- h. Any and all other information held by the Christchurch City Council in relation to parking enforcement.

Kind regards,

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