

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
April 24, 2018

Security

ITEM 6b

Service Agreement with DATA TICKET for Parking Citation Processing
FOR PARKING TICKETS ONLY

Dana Point Police Services is no longer able to process our parking citations as they have in past years. I figured that someday an astute administrator would look closely enough to realize that our District has been getting a free ride.

Parking tickets are processed differently than speeding and other types of citations. A clearing house originally called Citation Processing Center (in Huntington Beach) was created to ease the burden on local PD's in processing all their parking tickets, collecting payments, chasing after unpaid collections, sending unpaid violations to court, tracking names, dates, bail amounts, warrants, etc.

This was, and still is, a great time and money saver for local police departments by reducing all that administrative footwork and cost down to one simple monthly affordable payment, unless you're a small operation like our District (no economy of scale for our size of operation).

Twenty years ago, Dana Point's Administrative Sergeant at that time, made the offer that our District should simply submit our parking cites direct to the City who would send them in to court along with their parking cites. It was an offer we couldn't refuse.

The twenty year run is now over as the City is no longer willing to be liable for our parking tickets. The District must enter into its own service agreement with the parking citation processing center, now called *DATA TICKET*. The service is not free and I'm still in the process of learning from *DATA TICKET* exactly what all the administrative fees will be.

Our officers issue, on average, one or two parking tickets per month. The *DATA TICKET* operation is set up to service much larger numbers of tickets from the various police departments, the proceeds of which more than pay for the monthly service. I have a feeling that for our District we're going to be paying more for the service than we generate in proceeds.

There's more homework to do on this issue and I expect to have additional information to report on at the meeting regarding the full impact of fees for the service.