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Beware of Fraudulent City Stickers
*City Clerk Miguel del Valle Introduces Ordinance to
Stiffen Penalties for Counterfeit Stickers*

In cooperation with the City Clerk's office and other city departments, the Office of the Inspector General conducted an investigation and identified 388 counterfeit vehicle stickers. The investigation was initiated when a city auto pound employee identified counterfeit stickers on impounded vehicles. Of the 388 counterfeit city stickers, 366 of them were identified at city auto pounds.

"This is an example of government at its best. By working together, we successfully identified and addressed fraudulent activity," stated City Clerk del Valle.

The City Clerk's Investigations Division provided the Inspector General's office with vehicle sticker information and sent fraudulent stickers to them throughout the investigation.

Next week, on City Clerk del Valle's website (www.ChiCityClerk.com), the City Clerk's office will provide the security features to help residents identify a legitimate city sticker. Residents should only purchase vehicle stickers from authorized dealers and never purchase stickers for less than cost.

"The City Clerk's office will continue to provide the necessary resources to help protect residents from falling victim to this deceptive practice," stated City Clerk del Valle.

In addition, the City Clerk's office will introduce an ordinance that stiffens penalties for the sale and purchase of fraudulent stickers at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.



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