

# CITIZEN RIDER WAIVER CLEARANCE FORM

Citizen riders are generally accepted when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- The top 10 ranked applicants for entry level police jobs after the oral board
- Officer sponsored citizens

**\*\*\*Per Lacey Police Policy 13.4, citizens (who meet one of the above conditions) will be cleared to ride ONE TIME only. \*\*\***

Citizen riders are approved at the discretion of the Patrol Commander, after a background check by front office staff. Officer Sponsored riders may be tentatively approved by Sergeants and then finalized by the Patrol Commander. While officers are being trained or for other logistical reasons citizen riders may not be approved regardless of the general provisions listed above. Riders will be scheduled on Thursdays or Saturdays for a maximum of four hours unless otherwise approved by the Patrol Commander or his designee.

**Full Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alias: (Maiden Name, Former Name/s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Race:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Drivers License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address: (Street, City, State)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Message Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_** **Employer/School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for requesting riding clearance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (excluding traffic citations)?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), hereby request permission to ride as a guest of the Lacey Police Department in a vehicle owned by the City of Lacey to permit my observation of police work. I understand that should permission be granted, I will be voluntarily observing police work at my own risk and I am willing to assume all risks involved including the risk of death or serious injury. I understand that any information I observe during the Citizen Ride Along experience shall remain confidential unless I am providing information to authorized personnel in the scope and course of an investigation. I also understand that in the event the vehicle in which I am riding becomes involved in a pursuit or other high risk response, at the discretion of the Lacey Police Department, I may be directed to exit the vehicle - regardless of time of day or location, and I am willing to assume all responsibility for my transportation back to the Police Department or to my residence and for any and all harm that may befall me once I exit from the police vehicle.

**NOTE:** As you will be riding in a confined space, you are asked to cancel your ride if you have a contagious illness, such as flu, cold, fever, etc. Citizen riders must be properly attired with care given to personal hygiene. (Flip-flops/sandals, t-shirts, cutoffs, torn jeans, or careless personal hygiene are not acceptable.)

To the best of my knowledge, I do not have a contagious illness (e.g., flu, cold, fever, etc.) If I do have such an illness develop on or prior to my ride-along, I will cancel the ride-along until such time as the illness has resolved.

## WAIVER OF LEGAL LIABILITY

In consideration for granting my request to ride and observe, and being fully aware of the risks involved, I hereby waive any and all legal rights I have or may have in the future, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, to bring any claim or lawsuit against the City of Lacey and its Police Department, individual officers, or any other employees, officers, agents, or volunteers of the City of Lacey arising out of or connected with observing the activities of the Lacey Police Department.

When, in the officer's judgment, it is appropriate to terminate the rider's participation, s/he has the following options:

1. Upon receiving a call, the officer responding to the scene may direct the rider to remain in the patrol vehicle to provide, or call for backup if such is indicated.
2. Upon receiving a call, the officer may pull over to the first convenient and relatively safe location, radio the position of the rider so that another unit can effect a pickup, and proceed to the assignment.
3. A priority rider may bump citizen riders.
4. The duration of ride-along is at the officer's discretion.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Personel #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed consent of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Required if Citizen Rider is less than eighteen years of age. Minors must be at least 16 years of age or older.)*

**THE PATROL COMMANDER MUST APPROVE ALL CLEARANCE REQUESTS.  
IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AT A LATER DATE TO COORDINATE RIDE-ALONG.**

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Approved  Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Patrol Commander*

Contacted Rider On: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Shift supervisor notified and provided a copy of waiver?  Yes  No