GUIDELINE A.08 – Liquid and Gas Fueled Vehicles & Equipment within Assembly Occupancies

A.08.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure the use of liquid and gas fueled vehicles and equipment in assembly occupancies complies with applicable requirements of the California Fire Code.

A.08.2 SCOPE

The requirements found in this guideline apply to places of assembly where liquid and gas fueled vehicles and equipment is being used for display.

A place of assembly is defined in the California Fire Code as the gathering together of 50 or more persons for such purposes as deliberation, education, instruction, worship, entertainment, amusement, drinking, dining or awaiting transportation.

A.08.3 PROCEDURE

The California Fire Code states that an operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid and gas fueled vehicles and equipment in an assembly occupancy.

An application can be obtained from the Life Safety Services Division or downloaded from the City's website: http://newportbeachca.gov/home/showdocument?id=17114.

Along with the permit application, provide a site plan showing the location of vehicles and/or equipment. Exits and fire protection equipment shall not be blocked.

Vehicle batteries shall be disconnected in an approved manner.

Fuel in the fuel tank shall not exceed one quarter of the tank capacity or 5 gallons, whichever is less. Fuel system shall be inspected for leaks.

The Fuel tank fill openings must be closed and sealed to prevent tampering and the escape of vapors.

Vehicles or other motorized equipment shall not be fueled or defueled within the building.