

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-86**

**WHEREAS**, the number of automobile accidents involving city-owned and leased vehicles has increased consistently during the last several years; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of the employees of the City of Philadelphia and public invitees who travel in city-owned and leased vehicles, certain efforts must be undertaken to minimize personal injury and loss of life sustained as a result of accidents involving city-owned and leased vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an undisputed fact that the use of safety belts saves lives, reduces injuries, and save thousands of dollars in insurance and health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, over twenty-one (21) states now require the driver and all occupants of state-owned vehicles to wear safety belts; and

**WHEREAS**, it has always been the policy of the City of Philadelphia to take reasonable and prudent steps to prevent injury to city employees and those with whom they come in contact;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, W. WILSON GOODE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby order and declare as follows:

Mandating seat belt use in city-owned and leased vehicles.

**SECTION 1.** All drivers and occupants of city-owned and leased vehicles that are currently equipped with safety belts shall properly wear those safety belts at all times when traveling in and outside the City of Philadelphia.

**SECTION 2.** The driver of each city-owned or leased vehicle shall be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all the terms and conditions of this order.

**SECTION 3.** In implementing this order, chief executives or their designees of any agency, department, board or commission shall cause an inspection to be made of all city-owned and leased vehicles assigned to their agency, department, board or commission in order to insure that the safety belts found in those vehicles are properly installed and in good working order. City management personnel shall familiarize city employees with all terms and conditions of this order by conducting appropriate educational and promotional programs.

SECTION 4. Each city-owned or leased vehicle covered by this order shall have affixed to the dashboard, or otherwise prominently displayed, a decal or other sign indicating that safety belt use is required of all occupants of that vehicle.

SECTION 5. This order shall be effective thirty (30) days after the date of its execution.

February 14, 1986  
Dated

W. Wilson Goode  
W. WILSON GOODE  
Mayor