

# Impound Towing Contract



Police Department

May 17, 2022



# Impound Towing Background



- The Police Department impound towing process is outlined in City Code section 11.97.010
- Reasons to impound include: the vehicle is a traffic hazard, unsafe to drive, subject to seizure as evidence, reported stolen and recovered, or the driver is taken into Police custody
- Annually there are approximately 1,700 impound tows



# Impound Towing Background



- For many years, the City has contracted with tow companies to provide impound towing
- An owner may redeem the vehicle by paying all applicable towing and storage charges - this usually occurs 1,000 times annually
- Vehicles not redeemed are auctioned - around 700 vehicles are auctions annually



# Impound Towing Contracts



- The City issued an RFP for impounded towing in December 2021
- A SSSC reviewed the responses, determined they met the specifications and began negotiations



# Contract Adjustments



- Impound lot hours were reduced from 7am – 7pm ... to 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and lots will be closed on Sundays and six holidays; storage charges are not assessed if a vehicle is redeemed within three days of the closed days
- The contract is one year, with four one-year extensions (subject to the approval of both parties) - a 4% increase is included for each additional year



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- Fuel is a significant expense for tow operators; there is no specific fuel surcharge included in the contract
- Contract pricing was flat from 2017 – 2020 and from 2020 to 2022; cumulative increases from 2017 – 2022 are generally from 0% to 4%



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Item	2017 Contract	2020 Contract	2022 Proposed	Average increase (2017-2022)
Light duty towing	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00	4%
Per mile charge	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.50	2%
Winching Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	3%
Storage (per day)	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	4%
Heavy Duty Storage	\$50.00	\$50.00	50.00	0%
Processing Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	0%



# Recommendation



- Approve the recommended Police Impound Towing contract and authorize staff to explore new strategies for enhancing impound towing prior to the renewal period







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