



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: December 14, 2022
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

An ordinance amending Chapter 15D, "Emergency Vehicles," and Chapter 28, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 15D-57 and 28-4; **(1)** updating the maximum fee schedule for emergency wrecker services; **(2)** updating fees for impoundment and vehicle storage; **(3)** providing a penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00; **(4)** providing a saving clause; **(5)** providing a severability clause; and **(6)** providing an effective date - Estimated Annual Net Revenue: General Fund \$69,734.00 (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

The Dallas Police Department is seeking to improve efficiencies with Emergency Wrecker services through the Council award of the contract for Auto Pound Management and Towing Services approved by Resolution No. 22-1470 on September 28, 2022. Changes approved through this action will update the maximum fees charged for towing, impoundment, and storage related to emergency wrecker services.

Fee adjustments will include the following:

| <u>Fee Description</u> | <u>Current Fee</u> | <u>Proposed Fee</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Impound | \$20.00 | \$21.03 |
| Storage fee for vehicles under 25 | \$20.00/day | \$21.03/day |
| Storage fee for vehicles over 25 | \$35.00/day | \$36.80/day |
| Tow fee for Light Duty | \$139.00 | \$150.00 |
| Tow fee for Medium Duty | \$219.00 | \$300.00 |
| Tow fee for Heavy Duty | \$509.00 | \$550.00 |

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On June 22, 2022, City Council authorized a public hearing to be held August 10, 2022.

The Public Safety was briefed regarding this matter on June 13, 2022.

On August 10, 2022, City Council held a public hearing to receive comments amending chapter 15D, "Emergency Vehicles" of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 15D-15, 15D-16, 15D-17, 15D-21, 15D-22, 15D-50, 15D-52, 15D-53, 15D-55, and 15D-56; (1) providing a definition of dispatcher; (2) clarifying language concerning emergency wrecker service; (3) providing a penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00; (4) providing a saving clause; (5) providing a severability clause; and (6) providing an effective date.

On September 28, 2022, City Council authorized a five-year service contract in the amount of \$38,110,709.72, with a two-year renewal option in a total amount of \$15,244,283.88, as detailed in the Fiscal Information section, for auto pound management and tow services for the Police Department with AutoReturn US, LLC by Resolution No. 22-1470.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Estimated Annual Net Revenue: General Fund \$69,734.00 (potential gross revenue reduced by anticipated annual payments for wrecker services related to City Auto Pound operations, as prescribed in the contract with AutoReturn in the agenda item approved by City Council on September 28, 2022, No. 22-1470, totaling an estimated net revenue of \$69,734.00 annually). Ordinance enforcement of penalty up to \$1,000.00 may generate additional revenues to the City.