



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Police

CITY MANAGER: Sara Hensley

DATE: October 15, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding proposed amendments to the City of Denton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Article IV (Police Initiated Towing Services) and Article V (Non-Consent Towing), and Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 1, Section 18.104 (Impoundment of Standing or Parked Vehicles).

BACKGROUND

The current Ordinance was passed in 2006 and heavily amended in 2015. There have been no updates since 2015 to address fees despite numerous changes to State and Federal level regulations and to the economic environment. The lack of updates has led to some Tow Companies taking advantage of regulatory loopholes to charge excessive fees. Additionally, the current ordinance lacks enforcement mechanisms to ensure vendor compliance with safety and operational requirements specifically intended to protect the motoring public within the city.

Additionally, the long-standing practice of towing vehicles as a result of their operation by an unlicensed driver or lack of proof of financial responsibility has come under scrutiny and the Texas Attorney General has opined that in order to do so, a local ordinance expressly permitting the practice is necessary. An ordinance authorizing this practice would protect the law-abiding motoring public within the city and the City itself in such incidents.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

None

FISCAL INFORMATION

N/A

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2: Presentation

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