

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** July 9, 2001
THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE VEHICLE IMPOUND
AND DAILY STORAGE FEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
POLICE TOWING FRANCHISE SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution increasing the vehicle impound and daily storage fee in connection with the Police Towing Franchise System, Chapter 10.46 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena is about to accept new proposals for non-exclusive franchises for police towing due to amending chapter 10.46 of the Pasadena Municipal Code relating to franchises for police towing services. In the past, the city has set the rate for impound and storage fees to keep these fees in line with other towing operators in the area. The current vehicle impound fee is \$78 and the daily storage fee is \$16.50. These fees were last increased approximately 18 months ago.

Currently, the California Highway Patrol allows its tow agencies to charge \$92 for towing and \$19 per day for storage and the Los Angeles Police Department allows its tow agencies to charge \$86 for towing, plus an additional \$5.50 for each mile towed passed 5 miles and \$22 per day for storage. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is in the process of raising their current allowed rates from \$78 for towing and \$16.50 per day for storage.

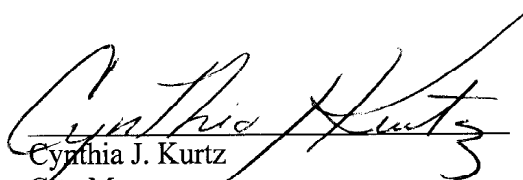
The new proposed rates that are recommended that the city of Pasadena allow for tows and storage are \$90 for impounds and \$20 for daily storage.

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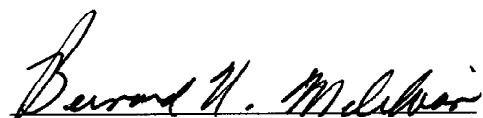
The revised towing franchise agreements require the awarded operators to pay the City \$90,000 per year in the aggregate, increasing to \$105,000 per year in the aggregate in October 2001. Increasing the vehicle impound and daily storage fees will bolster the tow

operators' ability to make payment to the City in full and in a timely fashion. Said fees do not impact the budget as they are paid by vehicle owners directly to the towing franchises.


Respectfully submitted


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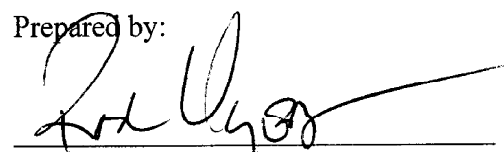
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