

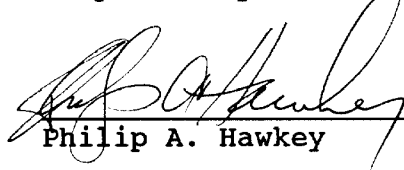


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This resolution gives notice of intent to award non-exclusive franchises to the three applicants whose applications were deemed responsive and acceptable by the police department: S.N. Ward & Co., Johnnie's Towing Service and Master Towing Service. In compliance with the City Charter, this resolution also sets the date of the public hearing on awarding these franchises for January 26, 1998.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** An annual franchise fee of \$150,000, to be divided equally among the successful applicants, is to be paid to the city in installments beginning in April, 1998. Except in rare instances, the cost of towing and storing vehicles impounded or removed by police is paid by the owner of the vehicle. Those fees are set in the services contracts between the City and each of the towing companies to whom franchises are awarded and are based on prevailing rates in surrounding cities.

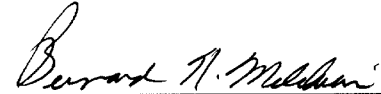
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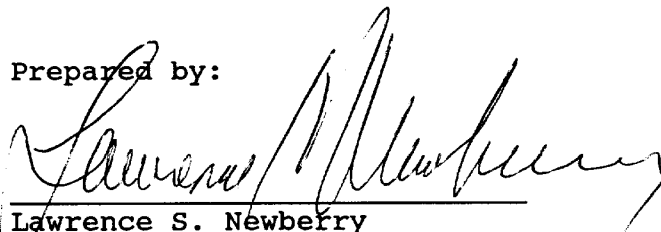
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