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Item No. 26

AN ORDINANCE **96242**

AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 19-386 THROUGH SECTION 19-406, PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY NON-CONSENT TOWING SERVICES, BY REMOVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSING AND INSURANCE OF TOW SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF TOW VEHICLES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH UNIFORM VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT SAFETY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FEE SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF TOW SERVICE COMPANIES AND VEHICLE STORAGE RECORDS AND FACILITIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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WHEREAS, in order to bring the City of San Antonio's municipal regulation of private-property, non-consent towing into compliance with changes in state and federal law, it is necessary to provide for certain amendments to the provisions of chapter 19 of the San Antonio City Code; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 19-386 through and including section 19-402 of the San Antonio City Code are hereby amended, in their entirety, to read as set out in Attachment I, said attachment being incorporated herein for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** Section 19-406 through and including section 19-416 of the San Antonio City Code are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect ten days from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2002.

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**M A Y O R**  
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: [Signature]  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: [Signature]  
City Attorney

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 26

DATE: AUG 22 2002

MOTION: John Martin

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 96242

RESOLUTION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	ROLL	AYE	NAY
BOBBY PEREZ District 1		✓	
JOHN H. SANDERS District 2		✓	
ANTONIETTE "TONI" MOORHOUSE District 3		✓	
ENRIQUE "KIKE" MARTIN District 4		✓	
DAVID A. GARCIA District 5		✓	
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA District 6		✓	
JULIAN CASTRO District 7		✓	
BONNIE CONNER District 8		✓	
CARROLL W. SCHUBERT District 9		✓	
DAVID CARPENTER District 10		absent	
EDWARD D. GARZA Mayor		✓	

*Amend Chapter 19*

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**San Antonio Police Department  
Vehicle Storage Unit  
Wrecker Ordinance**

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**DIVISION 1.**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

**19-386 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND LOCAL ORDINANCES.**

All towing companies and property owners under this article shall comply with all applicable state laws and local ordinances.

**19-387 DEFINITIONS.**

In this chapter:

- a) **ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- b) **CITY** means the City of San Antonio.
- c) **CONSENT tow** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- d) **DEPARTMENT** means the San Antonio Police Department, Chief of Police, or his designee.
- d) **DRIVER** means an individual who drives or operates a wrecker.
- e) **NONCONSENT tow** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- f) **OPERATE** means to drive or to be in control of a wrecker.
- g) **OPERATOR** means the driver of a wrecker or the owner of a wrecker.
- h) **PARKING FACILITY** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- i) **PERSON** means an individual, assumed name entity, partnership, joint-venture, association, corporation, or other legal entity.
- j) **PROPERTY ENTRANCE** means any point of access by a vehicle to private property.
- k) **PROPERTY OWNER** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- l) **TOWING COMPANY** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- m) **UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.

- n) **VEHICLE** has the same meaning as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.
- o) **VEHICLE OWNER OR OPERATOR** means a person, or the designated agent of a person, who:
  - 1) Holds legal title to a vehicle, including any lienholder of record; or
  - 2) has legal right of possession or legal control of a vehicle.
- p) **VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY** means a facility licensed as such under the laws of the State of Texas.
- q) **WRECKER** means a vehicle designed for the towing of other vehicles.

**19-388 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

The department shall implement and enforce this article. In addition to the powers and duties elsewhere prescribed in this article, the department is authorized to:

- a) Adopt rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of this article and all applicable state laws, with respect to matters incidental or appropriate to the powers and duties as may be necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this article.
- b) Conduct random periodic investigations of towing companies and vehicle storage facilities throughout the city concerning their compliance with this article and state law.
- c) Inspect tow service vehicles for compliance with uniform vehicle and equipment safety standards established by the State of Texas.
- d) Conduct random inspections of tow service company records and facilities for compliance with state law and public safety. Inspections should be performed in a reasonable manner so as to comply with the laws of the State of Texas.
- e) Conduct random inspections of vehicle storage facility records, facilities, and storage lots for compliance with state law and public safety. Inspections should be performed in a reasonable manner so as to comply with the laws of the State of Texas.

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**Sec. 19-389 EXEMPTIONS.**

This article does not apply to:

- a) a person towing a vehicle with the express consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle;
- b) a person towing a vehicle from public streets and ways or private property under the direction of the department;
- c) a person who engages in towing a vehicle in connection with a bona fide repossession of same, when written authorization has been received from the mortgagee.

**Sec. 19-390 PROHIBITION AGAINST UNATTENDED VEHICLES IN CERTAIN AREAS.**

The owner or operator of a vehicle may not leave unattended on a parking facility a vehicle that:

- a) is in or obstructs a vehicular traffic aisle, entry, or exit of the parking facility;
- b) prevents a vehicle from exiting a parking space in the facility;
- c) is in or obstructs a fire lane marked in accordance with the San Antonio City Code; or
- d) obstructs immediate access to a trash dumpster; the trash dumpster or area of immediate access to the dumpster must be conspicuously and legibly marked on all sides of access with the warning "NO PARKING-TOW AWAY ZONE." (signage shall be in white letters, or other contrasting color, at least three inches tall); or
- e) obstructs a curb painted red and conspicuously and legibly marked with the warning "NO PARKING-TOW AWAY ZONE." (Curb markings and/or signs shall be at intervals not to exceed 50 feet and in compliance with the Texas Transportation Code.); or
- f) is improperly parked on private property in an restricted or reserved parking area which has been properly marked pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code.

**Sec. 19-391 VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY'S DUTY TO REPORT AFTER ACCEPTING UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE.**

- a) A vehicle storage facility accepting a vehicle that is towed under this article shall, within two hours after removal from the unauthorized parking location, report to the Department:
  - 1) a general description of the vehicle, including the year, make, model, and color;
  - 2) the state and number of the vehicle's license plate, if any;
  - 3) the vehicle identification number of the vehicle, if it can be ascertained;
  - 4) the date and time of tow as well as the location from which the vehicle was towed;
  - 5) the name of the company towing the vehicle, the name of the wrecker driver doing the tow, and the name and location of the vehicle storage facility where the vehicle is being stored; and
  - 6) the name and title of the property owner causing the vehicle to be towed.
- b) The report required by this section must be made by telephone, by facsimile or other electronic device, or delivered personally and a control number must be obtained from the department at the time of notification.

**Sec. 19-392 REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING SIGNS.**

- a) A minimum of one sign shall be placed on the right or left side of each driveway or curb cut through which a vehicle can enter the property, including an entry from an alley or other property abutting the property.
- b) Each sign must conform to the minimum requirements as set forth in the Texas Transportation Code.
- c) Each sign must be posted in a manner and location so that the signs are facing and conspicuous to the driver of a vehicle entering the property.

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- d) Upon review by the Chief of Police or his designee, a parking facility causing tows under this chapter may be required to install additional signage in order to correct problems associated with conformity of signage due parking facility layout.
- e) A parking facility may not accept signage or installation of signs from a towing company, pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code.

**DIVISION 2.**

**DISPOSITION OF TOWED VEHICLES.**

**Sec. 19-393 CLAIMED VEHICLES.**

- a) When a storage facility acquires possession of a private property non-consent towed motor vehicle, the storage facility is entitled to:
  - 1) towing charges, if applicable;
  - 2) impound fees when authorized by the Texas Administrative Code;
  - 3) storage fees as allowed by state law; and
  - 4) notification charges.
- b) A vehicle storage facility must notify owners or operators of vehicles who call about a towed vehicle:
  - 1) what methods of payment are accepted;
  - 2) the location from which the vehicle may be retrieved;
  - 3) the total amount of charges if the vehicle is picked up the same day as the call; and
  - 4) the phone number of the City agency where complaints regarding towing services may be made.

**Sec. 19-394 DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLES.**

Unclaimed vehicles shall be disposed of in the manner described in Article 6687-9a, Texas Vehicle Storage Facility Act.

**DIVISION 3.**

**OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.**

**Sec. 19-395 OFFENSES.**

- a) A person commits an offense if by act or omission he violates a provision of this article. A culpable mental state is not required for commission of an offense under this article unless the provision defining the conduct expressly requires a culpable mental state.
- b) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly tampers with, removes, or destroys a tow warning sign required by this article without the consent of the property owner.

**Sec. 19-396 DEFENSES.**

It is a defense to prosecution for violation of any offense that the defendant is a person exempted under Sec. 19-389.

**Sec. 19-397 PENALTIES.**

- a) A separate offense is committed each day in which an offense occurs.
- b) An offense committed under this article, other than section Sec. 19-390 is punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more \$500. The minimum fine established in this subsection shall be doubled for the second conviction of the same offense within any 2 year period A third conviction within any 2 year period will result in a fine of \$500. At no time shall the minimum fine exceed the maximum fine established in this subsection.
- c) Prosecution for an offense under this section does not prevent the use of other enforcement remedies or procedures applicable to the person charged with the conduct or involved in the offense.

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**Sec. 19-398 REMOVING WRECKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS OR OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

- a) In the interest of public safety, it shall be unlawful for any person or towing company, on the public street and ways of the City to knowingly respond for the purpose of moving, towing, hauling, debris or hazardous material cleanup, or otherwise transport in, on or over the public streets and ways of the City any vehicle which has been involved in a collision, requires towing, and is on a public street, way or other public property, unless directed to do so by the Chief of Police or his designee.
- b) In City parking lots or facilities, the City Parking Manager or his designee may relocate to another location on the lot or facility, any vehicle that is blocking an entrance, exit, fire lane or otherwise obstructing access. Any charge for relocation shall be assessed against the vehicle owner. Any vehicle not authorized to be parked at a City facility shall be removed to the San Antonio Police Department vehicle storage facility or other duly authorized location at the direction of the City Parking Manager or his designee.
- c) Other motor vehicles on public streets, ways or public property may be removed only with the express consent of the owner or operator or at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee.
- d) Any owner of a vehicle whose vehicle has been towed from a public way, street or property at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee, where it was necessary for the Department to incur expense for the cleanup of hazardous waste and/or material, the owner of said vehicle shall be responsible for payment of the cost associated with the clean up.
- e) The Department shall have the right to retain any vehicle, to include but not limited to tractors and trailers, in its possession which belongs to said vehicle owner until the payment for all charges associated with the towing of the vehicle,

to include but not limited to recovery and clean up fees, have been paid.

**DIVISION 4.**  
**ENFORCEMENT.**

**Sec.19-399 AUTHORITY TO INSPECT.**

The Department may inspect a vehicle storage facility to determine whether the facility is in compliance with this Article and other applicable law.

**Sec. 19-400 ENFORCEMENT BY POLICE OFFICERS.**

Any officer observing a violation of this article or state law may take necessary action to ensure the safety of the public and its interests.

**DIVISION 4.**  
**FEES.**

**Sec. 19-401 SERVICE RATES**

The rates hereinafter described are to be utilized by towing companies for non-consent tows originating within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio pursuant to this article.

**Sec. 19-402 FEE SCHEDULE.**

- a) No towing fees may be charged other than those fees listed in this subsection, including charges for dollies, special equipment, or mileage.
- b) The maximum fee a licensee may charge for towing under this article shall be:
  - 1) \$85 for vehicles not longer than twenty (20) feet or wider than seven (7) feet.
  - 2) \$125 for vehicles longer than twenty (20) feet, but does not exceed forty (40) feet or is not longer than twenty (20) feet, but is wider than seven (7) feet.
  - 3) \$300 for any vehicle or combination vehicle longer than forty (40) feet long, regardless of width.

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- c) If the owner or operator of a vehicle which is parked in violation of this Code or state law arrives before the vehicle is removed from the property, a towing company may agree to release the vehicle at the scene for a fee not to exceed the maximum fee for a non-consent tow.
- d) In no way is subsection (a) above to be construed to mean that a towing company may not charge less than the fees stated. These fees are the maximum that can be charged for any towing of a vehicle in accordance with this article.

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police  
**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager  
**COPIES:** J. Rolando Bono, Deputy City Manager; File  
**SUBJECT:** Amending Chapter 19 of the New City Code, Article XI, Sections 19-386 through Section 19-406  
**DATE:** August 22, 2002

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the amendment of Chapter 19 of the New City Code, Article XI, Sections 19-386 through Section 19-406, providing for the provisions of Private Property Non-Consent Towing Services. This amendment removes the requirements for the licensing and insurance of tow services; provides for the inspection of tow vehicles for compliance with uniform vehicle and equipment safety standards established by the State; increases the maximum fee schedule; and provides for the inspection of tow service companies and vehicle storage records and facilities for compliance with State law.

Staff recommends approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

City Ordinance No. 55743 enacted the current policies and procedures regulating and enforcing non-consent private property laws. The Ordinance required licensing of towing services, inspection of tow vehicles, insurance minimums, guidelines for towing, maximum fees, and regulated storage facility locations. The ordinance was amended via Ordinance No. 67954 to require signage for notification and contact information for the towing company, and increased maximum allowable fees.

In 1995 the Federal Aviation Administration de-regulated interstate carriers, including the towing industry. In 1996 passage of the Sunset Bill (49USC Sec. 14501) "Federal Authority over Interstate Transportation", amended de-regulation of non-consent tows and allowed cities to regulate certain fees. The proposed ordinance revision complements will bring the City's regulations into compliance with Federal and state law. It has received input and recommendations from the towing industry, Property Managers Association, San Antonio Apartment Association, Police Department administrators and the City Attorney's Office.

This Amendment will:

- Eliminate licensing requirements as per the 1995 FAA Authorization Act.

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<b>Approval</b>			Date Considered	
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Legal	Coordinator		Item No. <b>26</b>	
				Ord. No.

Date: August 22, 2002	Department: Police	Contact Person/Phone # D/C Steve Barrera, x77423 <i>SB.</i>
Date Council Consideration Requested: August 22, 2002	Deadline for Action: August 22, 2002	Dept. Head Signature: <i>Robert A. Spring</i>

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Staff recommends approval.

Council Memorandum Must Be Attached To Original

Other Depts., Boards, Committees Involved (please specify):  
 City Attorney's Office, Risk Management and the Office of Management & Budget

Contract signed by other party  
 Yes  No

FISCAL DATA (If Applicable)		Budgetary Implications	
Fund No. _____	Amt. _____	Funds/Staffing Budgeted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Activity No. _____	Sid No. _____	Positions Currently Authorized	
Index Code _____	Project No. _____	Impact on future O&M _____	
Object Code _____		If positions added, specify class and no.	
Comments:			

Coordinator -- White  
 Legal -- Green  
 Budget -- Canary  
 Finance -- Pink  
 Originator -- Gold

- Eliminate insurance minimums regulated by the Texas Administrative Code.
- Increase towing fees.
- Provide for inspection of tow vehicles as established by the State of Texas.
- Provide for random inspections of tow companies and vehicle storage records and facilities.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

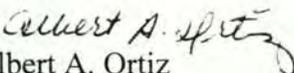
This ordinance conforms to City policy of insuring compliance with all Federal and State laws. This Ordinance has been presented to the Management Team and it has also been presented before the City Council Public Safety and Commercial Transportation Committee on two previous occasions (March, 27, 2002 and May 29, 2002).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There will be no financial impact on the City's General Fund as a result of this action. All transactions for private property non consent tows are between the towing company and the owner/operator of the vehicle and do not involve the City of San Antonio.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS**

The City of San Antonio Ethics Ordinance Required Disclosures form is not required.

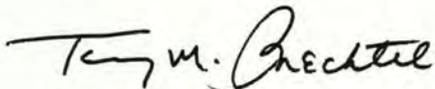
  
Albert A. Ortiz  
Chief of Police

Approved:



J. Rolando Bonó  
Deputy City Manager

Approved:

  
Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

**Private Property  
Non-Consent  
Towing Ordinance**

**August 22, 2002**

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**Non-Consent Tows**

- **Involve property owner(s), towing company and vehicle owner.**

**Example: Towing of vehicle from private property because they are not authorized to park there (from apartment complexes, restaurants, etc.).**

- **Does not involve SAPD requests for towing services at crime or accidents scenes, abandoned vehicles or prisoner vehicles.**

## **Background**

- **1982: City enacts Private Property Towing Ordinance No. 55743.**
- **1988: Ordinance No. 67954 requires posting of signs; notification of towing service information; increases maximum allowable fees.**
- **1995 FAA Authorization Act deregulated interstate carriers.**
- **1996 “Sunset Bill” amended de-regulation of non-consent tows & allowed cities to regulate fees.**

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## **Stakeholders**

**Towing Companies, Apartment Managers,  
Property Managers, Consumers**

- **Meeting October 5, 2001**
- **Meeting May 17, 2002**

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## Comparison of Ordinances

<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Requires Licensing of Tow Services</b>	<b>Eliminated. As per 1995 FAA Authorization Act.</b>
<b>No inspection of tow vehicles</b>	<b>Inspection of vehicles, companies, vehicle storage records facilities and lots.</b>
<b>Minimum Insurance requirements</b>	<b>Eliminated. Regulated via Texas Administrative Code.</b>

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## Fees

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Pass. Cars/Trucks</b>	\$45	\$85
<b>Medium</b>	\$45	\$125
<b>Heavy Duty</b>	\$45	\$300

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## Rate Comparison

<b>City</b>	<b>Pass. Cars/Trucks</b>	<b>Medium Duty Rate</b>	<b>Heavy Duty Rate</b>	<b>Dollies</b>	<b>Drop Fee</b>
San Antonio	\$85	\$125	\$300	\$0	\$0
Arlington	\$85	\$125	\$350	\$0	\$40
Austin	\$95	N/A	\$393	\$35	\$25
Dallas	\$95	\$150	\$350	\$0	\$0
Fort Worth	\$65	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$0

Corpus Christi, El Paso and Houston do not regulate fees.

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## Recommendation

**Staff Recommends Approval**

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# Affidavit of Publisher

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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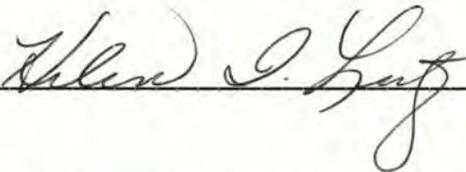
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this 22nd day of August, 2002.

/s/EDWARD D. GARZA  
Mayor

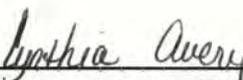
ATTEST:  
/s/ NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ  
City Clerk  
8/30

STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Helen I. Lutz, who being by me duly sworn, says on oath that she is the Publisher of the Commercial Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Antonio, in the State and County aforesaid, and that the Ordinance 96242 hereto attached has been published in every issue of said newspaper on the following days, to-wit: August 30, 2002.

  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August, 2002.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for Bexar County, Texas

