

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 307651

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 15 2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY 500-03 REGARDING POLICE-REQUESTED TOWS.

WHEREAS, Council Policy 500-03, relating to police tows, was last amended in 1981;
and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department authorizes the tow of approximately 32,000 vehicles each year from public streets and highways, in compliance with authority granted by the California Vehicle Code and the San Diego Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego does not have the capability to tow private vehicles and relies upon qualified companies to perform the functions needed for a towing program; and

WHEREAS, the City recently restructured its towing program and the recovery of costs and fees which has three distinct operational components: dispatch service, towing service, and impound service; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into non-exclusive contracts with multiple qualified tow providers for towing services and impound, storage, release and disposal services throughout the City, in designated Tow Zones; and

WHEREAS, the City establishes the rates for all services charged by tow providers for police-initiated towing and storage; and

WHEREAS, the towing program establishes an equitable means of distributing requests for towing services among qualified tow providers and ensures that towing service is prompt and reasonably priced; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend the policy to conform to the California Vehicle Code, and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the Chief of Police reports on the Towing Program, no less than once a year, to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that public health and safety requires the City to have the capability to remove vehicles from public streets and highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City relies upon qualified companies to perform the functions necessary for its police-requested tow program, including dispatch, towing, and impound, storage, release, and vehicle disposal services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego adopts the Council Policy 500-03, "Tow Trucks – Police Requested," as amended and set forth in Document No. RR- 307651 filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is instructed to update the Council Policy Manual to include the amended Council Policy 500-03.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By Linda L. Peter
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of ~~JUL 31 2012~~

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8.15.12
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor