

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

CURRENT

SUBJECT: TOW TRUCKS – POLICE REQUESTED
POLICY NO.: 500-03
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2012

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department finds it necessary from time to time to remove vehicles from public streets and highways by utilizing the services of private towing companies. Towing expense is charged to the owner of the towed vehicle when the vehicle is redeemed from impound. The City contracts with providers for dispatch, towing, and impound services, collectively referred to as the City's Towing Program.

PURPOSE:

It is the intention of the City Council to ensure that the Towing Program administered by the Police Department provides quick, prompt, and safe service to the employees of the San Diego Police Department while keeping the citizens safe from illegal or unscrupulous towing or impound operators with regards to police-initiated towing.

POLICY:

- A. The City will comply with the California Vehicle Code and any other applicable state or federal law in its Towing Program.
- B. The San Diego Police Department is responsible for day-to-day management of the Towing Program, including the dispatch, towing, and impounding functions. The San Diego Police Department will provide an update on the Tow Program to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services at least once a year.
- C. The Tow Program's objectives include contract transparency, improved response time to the officers in the field, inclusion of small local businesses, improving expense and revenue data collection, and continued involvement of major tow enterprises for a seamless operation.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-176968 - 08/22/1963
Amended by Resolution R-180314 - 06/11/1964
Amended by Resolution R-185159 - 10/07/1965
Amended by Resolution R-253998 - 04/13/1981
Amended by Resolution R-307651 - 08/15/2012