

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA
VISTA AMENDING THE CITY-INITIATED TOW AND STORAGE
RATE SCHEDULE AND THE TOW LICENSE FEE

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, City Council approved the tow license fee and tow and storage rates for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting Council approval to update these fees for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommends to amend the City initiated tow and storage rates, based on the most recent California Highway Patrol Southern San Diego Region tow rates; and

WHEREAS, the chart below shows the proposed schedule of all charges and fees that the tow companies will be authorized to collect from consumers for tow and impound services rendered on behalf of the City; and

**Chula Vista City-Initiated Tow and Storage Rates
(effective January 1, 2018)**

Service	Rate
Basic Tow	\$209.00
Medium Tow	\$235.00
Heavy Tow	\$278.00
Mileage	None
Dolly Charge	None
Labor Rate per hour (if exceeding one hour of service)	\$65.00
Basic Storage Rate (per 24-hour period)	\$51.00
Medium Storage Rate (per 24-hour period)	\$56.00
Heavy Storage Rate (per 24-hour period)	\$65.00
Evening Release (after 5:00 pm & Holidays)	\$65.00

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 12110 authorizes the City to assess a Tow License Fee to tow companies “to reimburse the public entity for its actual and reasonable costs incurred in connection with the towing program;” and

WHEREAS, the Tow License Fee relates to staff recovery costs of requesting a tow call for service, from the start time a police employee calls for a tow request to the end time that the tow company leaves the scene; and

WHEREAS, the computation of the City's Tow License Fee is detailed below, and the annual amount effective January 1, 2018 will be apportioned equally among the City's contracted tow service providers for payment to City; and

(Annual estimate of police-initiated tows) x (Estimated time spent per tow) x (Fully burdened hourly rate) = Tow License Fee

Position	Annual Estimate of Police-Initiated Tows ¹	Hours Spent per Police-Initiated Tow ²	Fully Burdened Hourly Rate ³	Tow License Fee
Peace Officer	1,057	0.53	\$123.35	\$69,102
Community Service Officer	846	0.53	\$65.55	\$29,391
Parking Enforcement Officer	446	0.53	\$61.40	\$14,514
Police Dispatcher	2,349	0.08	\$83.29	\$15,652
TOTAL				\$128,659

¹ 2-year average of calendar years 2015 and 2016 is 2,349 tows

Does not include private tows or tows during grant-funded operations

Tow request breakdown by classification (Officer 45% of tow requests; CSO 36%; PEO 19%)

² Estimated 32 minutes of Officer/CSO/PEO time during a tow call for service

Estimated 5 minutes of Police Dispatcher time

³ Fully Burdened Hourly Rate provided by Finance Department

14221 Peace Officer; 14241 Community Service Officer; 14242 Parking Enforcement Officer; 14260 Police Dispatcher

WHEREAS, the City intends to re-calculate and revise the City-initiated tow and storage rates and Tow License Fee every year using the same methodology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it amends the City-initiated tow and storage rate schedule and Tow License Fee.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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