



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 22, 2013
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 29, 2013

DATE: December 20, 2012
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Ordinance amending Section 57-251 of the Code of Ordinances regarding wreckers

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending section 57-251 of the Code of Ordinances by allowing for assignment when specialized equipment is needed; amending section 57-254 (d) 1. g of the Code of Ordinances by increasing the additional half hour fee to \$25.00 ; amending section 57-254 (d) 1. i. of the Code of Ordinances by increasing the clean up only fee to \$60.00 and clarifying clean up definition; repealing section 57-242 of the Code of Ordinances (Transfer of disabled vehicles by wrecker not under permit); changing the FY 2012-2013 Operating Budget adopted by Ordinance No. 029577 by increasing revenue and expenditures in the General Fund No. 1020 by \$2,000

PURPOSE:

The wrecker ordinance needs to be updated to address issues and concerns brought forth by area wrecker companies. These changes include allowing wrecker company owners to refer an assignment to another company with specialized equipment, increasing the fee charged to the City for wreckers being at the scene in excess of 30 minutes, and increasing the cleanup (debris in roadway) fee charged to the City.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The ordinance revisions include:

1. Allowing wrecker company owners to refer an assignment to another company with specialized equipment such as a crane, backhoe, etc. Example would be a crash that involved an 18 wheeler that must be lifted by a crane. Not all companies have cranes and now they must contact a crane company. This will allow them to contact another wrecker company.
2. Increasing the fee charged to the City for wreckers being at the scene in excess of 30 minutes not caused by their delay from \$15 to \$25. Occasionally wreckers are called too early to clear a scene and the investigation is not yet complete. This happens roughly 100 times a year.
3. Increasing the cleanup (debris in roadway) fee charged to the City from \$35 to \$60. The wrecker companies complained that it cost them more than \$35 to respond to a cleanup.

This occurs 30 times or so a year.

Four meetings were held with local wrecker companies to discuss the proposed revisions. They are in agreement with the changes.

ALTERNATIVES: None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY: Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY: Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating

Revenue

Capital

Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$604,817		\$604,817
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$2,000		\$2,000
BALANCE		\$606,817		\$606,817

Fund(s): General Fund - Police

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance