

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/23/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0641

**LOG NAME:** 35TOW TRUCKS ORDINANCE

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 34, Article V, "Tow Trucks," Sections 34-177 and 34-183 of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to Increase the Area in Which Vehicle Storage Facilities May be Located to One Mile Outside of the City's Corporate Limits for Non-Consent Tows

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 34, Article V, Sections 34-177 and 34-183 of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to increase the area in which a vehicle storage facilities may be located to one mile outside the corporate city limits for non-consent tows.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) is seeking approval of this Mayor and Council (M&C) to increase the area in which vehicle storage facilities may be located that receive non-consent tows. FWPD proposes to amend Chapter 34, Article V, "Tow Trucks" of the City Code to increase the area in which Vehicle Storage Facilities (VSF) must be located from inside the corporate city limits to one mile outside the corporate city limits for non-consent tows. Currently, VSFs are required to be located within the corporate city limits. It has come to the FWPD's attention that limiting the location to the City's corporate limits is a barrier to many of the existing VSFs that have served the City and local businesses in the past. Additionally, due to the availability of land, limiting the location to the City's corporate limits also serves as a barrier to companies moving to locations that could provide more storage area; moving to locations that are closer to portions of the City that will improve the customer experience; and the efficiency of many of the towing companies in the City.

FWPD staff reached out individually to each stakeholder to discuss increasing the area to one mile outside of the City's corporate limits in which VSFs must be located. Staff also held a quarterly meeting with stakeholders on July 20, 2022 to discuss the proposed ordinance amendment and a majority of the stakeholders were in favor.

All other portions of the ordinance will remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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