



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Fee Schedule (Ordinance No. 20180911-002) to increase the maximum authorized fee for Non-Consent Private Property Towing Fees for vehicles less than 10,000 lbs.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

City Council last amended Non-Consent Towing Fees for Private Property Tows for vehicles less than 10,000 lbs. on June 8, 2006. City Council amended Non-Consent Towing Fees for Non-Private Property Tows on June 6, 2019, and increased the fee from \$150 to \$185.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

APD presented the towing fee study for Non-Consent Private Property Tows on July 9, 2019, to the Urban Transportation Commission. The Urban Transportation Commission unanimously approved the recommendation to increase the tow fee for Non-Consent Private Property Tows for vehicles with a weight of less than 10,000 pounds from \$150 to \$185.

### **Additional Backup Information :**

Per City of Austin Code of Ordinances section 13-6-141, the towing companies requested a Towing Fee Study. At the direction of the City Manager, APD conducted the towing fee study to determine the maximum fees that would represent the fair market value of the services of a towing company performing Non-Consent Tows originating in the City of Austin. APD used several methodologies to arrive at a fair market value for towing services. These include a measure of the consumer price index, living wage rate, and non-consent towing fee market studies of the Austin Metropolitan Area, as well as, the ten largest Texas cities. Based on the Towing Fee Study results, an increase for Non-Consent Private Property Tows for vehicles less than 10,000 lbs. from \$150 to \$185 maximum represents the fair market value of the services of a towing company performing Non-Consent Private Property Tows originating in the City of Austin.