



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** JUNE 30, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** CARLOS ACOSTA, CHIEF OF POLICE

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**TITLE:** TOW SERVICE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the extension of the Salinas Police Department's FY 2025-26 Tow Service Franchise Agreements through December 31, 2026 and delegating authority to the City Manager to enter into such extensions on behalf of the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas, through the Police Department, manages a rotational tow program to provide towing services for the abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, or inoperative vehicles from private or public property, and to impound and provide storage of such vehicles. The Police Department is recommending a temporary extension in order to continue working on outstanding issues with the tow companies.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas, through the Police Department, manages a rotational tow program to provide towing services for the abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles from private or public property, and to impound and provide storage of such vehicles as ordered and designated by authorized members of the Salinas Police Department. Tow companies provide service to the Salinas Police Department pursuant to a franchise issued by the City and a Tow Service Franchise Agreement (TSFA) entered between the City and the tow companies. The current TSFAs were authorized via by City Council on June 17, 2025 via Resolution 23272. These agreements are set to expire on June 30, 2026, and must be extended for the tow companies to continue providing service to the Police Department. The Police Department is recommending a temporary extension through December 31, 2026, in order to continue working on outstanding issues with the tow companies including towing of recreational vehicles and the updated franchise fee. Once those outstanding issues have been resolved, further extensions of the TSFAs will be brought forward to the City Council for consideration.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the proposed Resolution will support the City Council’s Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Salinas Police Department has worked closely with the City Attorney’s office on this extension and will continue to work with the Legal and Finance Departments in the development of the draft FY 2026-27 Tow Service Franchise Agreement.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no direct impact to the City’s General Fund related to this recommended action.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)</b>	<b>General Ledger Account Name</b>	<b>Remaining Budget Appropriation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Tow Service Franchise Agreement Extension