



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JUNE 21, 2022

DEPARTMENT: SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FROM: ROBERTO FILICE, CHIEF OF POLICE

BY: ROBERT HAMPSON, SERGEANT

TITLE: TOW FRANCHISE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2022-23

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Salinas Police Department's 2022-23 Tow Franchise Service Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Salinas Police Department's 2022-23 Tow Franchise Service Agreements.

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 entered into between the City and the tow companies. Each tow company is required to pay a franchise fee to the City during the term of the franchise, in an amount set by Resolution of the City Council pursuant to Salinas Municipal Code Section 20-191. The franchise fee is paid quarterly and is based on the number of tows generated and the City's actual costs in managing the franchise tow program.

There are no notable changes to the proposed 2022-23 Tow Franchise Service Agreement. All tow companies towing for the Police Department are still required to tow and store RVs. They may contract with another company if they do not have the proper equipment to tow a large RV, but they are responsible for the storage, and if necessary, the disposal of an RV towed under this agreement. This more evenly distributes the RV towing among all rotation tow companies.

Tow franchise operators continue to receive a credit up to \$1,000.00 for the towing and disposal of each recreational vehicle. This credit is to recognize that there are extra costs associated with storing and disposing of a recreational vehicle.

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Police Chief will present this item to the Police Community Advisory Committee on June 22, 2022. The Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments related to this requested action.

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).

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 in the development of the draft 2022-2023 Tow Franchise Service Agreement.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is a reduction in revenue received due to the \$1,000.00 franchise fee credit for the towing of recreational vehicles.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Draft 2022-23 Tow Franchise Service Agreement