



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: LEE PRICE
SUBJECT: REVIEW OF TOW SERVICES AGREEMENTS
DATE: December 15, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

1. Request staff to review the tow services agreements and clarify whether the annual review and adjustment is for the tow rates only or all rates charges by tow operators.
2. Request staff to do a workload assessment for a mid-contract study of all fees related to tow services in similar jurisdictions to see if adjustments should be made above the CPI.

BACKGROUND

At the recommendation of the Rules Committee, this request for the Review of the Tow Services Agreements has been placed on the January 10, 2005 City Council Agenda for review by the full the City Council.



LEE PRICE, CMC
CITY CLERK

Attachment



Memorandum

TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Councilmember Williams

SUBJECT: Review of Tow Services Agreements

DATE: December 5, 2005

Approved

Forest Williams

Date

12/5/05

RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND:

San Jose's Code Enforcement efforts to eliminate abandoned cars and remove cars from tow-away zones have been highly successful in helping to keep San Jose the clean and livable city we all enjoy.

In December 2002, the City Council adopted various measures relating to the Tow Services Agreements with various tow contractors in San Jose in order to maintain and improve these services. Those changes were designed to improve accountability and oversight while also annually addressing factors that increased costs for the tow operators.

Due to differences in the ordinances language adopted by the Council and language provided to the tow contractors, no annual review or adjustment of rates has taken place since 2002.

Staff is being asked to clarify annual review of rates- a review and adjustment of just the tow rate or all rates charged by the operators.

cc: Lee Price
City Clerk