

## UPDATE REGARDING \$70.00 PER TOW FEE FOR TOW COMPANIES THAT CONTRACT WITH RPD

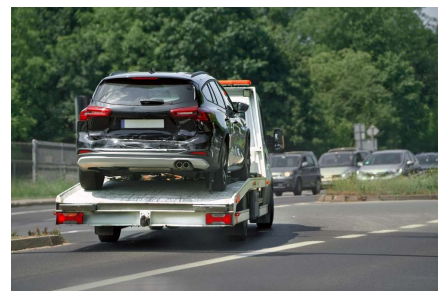
### City Attorney's Office

Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee  
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## BACKGROUND

- RPD contracts with tow companies to provide police-related tow services.
- RMC § 5.15.095: Tow companies pay RPD a “per tow fee” for each tow referral that RPD forwards to them.



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## BACKGROUND

- City's 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges: \$70.00 per tow fee.

3134 TOWING REFERRAL SERVICES	
Per Vehicle	\$ 70.00
Result of Prior Request by Vehicle Owner/Driver	\$ 70.00
Official RPD Towing Company Contracted by AAA to Provide Service	No Charge

- Set at \$70.00 because consultant recommended that amount.



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## DISCUSSION

- \$70.00 per tow fee pays for (1) tow-related officer responses, (2) officer time at the scene, (3) salary and total benefits package of the Tow Coordinator, and (4) Tow Coordinator's functions.
- Technically, City Council can vote to reduce the \$70.00 per tow fee.
- However, doing so would mean the City would have to subsidize RPD's tow-related functions with money from General Fund.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee:

1. Receive the following report and presentation providing an update to the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee regarding the \$70.00 per tow fee in question; and
2. Provide direction on whether the \$70.00 per tow fee in question should be changed, and if so, to make a motion to refer the following report and presentation to the City Council.



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