# City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601



# **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, November 16, 2000 2:00 PM

City Hall, Room 016

**Public Safety Committee** 

Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, Chair Commissioner Warren Nielsen

#### CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chuck Chestnut and Warren Nielsen

ROLL CALL

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

000635

**Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)** 

**RECOMMENDATION** The PSC approve the minutes of October 19, 2000

**Recommended for Approval** 

### DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

### 991151 Alcohol in the University Context Area

The PSC requested that Mr. Hilliard add a provision in the permit under (1) e that the permit holder will present to the city in detail how they will provide adequately for garbage and storage during these special events. Additionally, the permit holder would provide documentation that shows they have contracted with a trash hauler to pick up after the event. Mr. Hilliard's changes will be made and presented to the City Commission at the 1/9/01 CC meeting.

RECOMMENDATION The PSC review planning staff's changes to the "Temporary Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Sales for UF Home Game Day Events, in the University Context Area Permit", and take action as appropriate.

A motion was made that this matter be Recommended for Approval, as amended. The motion carried.

#### 000374 Vehicle Towing Downtown Streets & Parking Lots (B)

The PSC recognized citizens Matt Blane, Todd Rousseau, Harry Hall, Robert Roundtree, Gene Watson, Mark Adler who spoke to the matter.

GPD staff presented a comparison survey of other municipalities' roam towing rates and provided the requested CPI. Attorney Roundtree referred to his original letter to the PSC of 9/28/00 requesting rate increase consideration and citing as an example of justification for that increase: a 58% increase in the cost of fuel, a 79% increase in the cost of insurance and a 36% increase in the purchase price of new tow trucks,

commenting that increasing the maximum fee per tow to \$100 would help offset those costs.

Two students (or student representatives) suggested that roam towing is "predatory towing" and that standards of behavior and unethical practices by some tow companies should be part of this review.

Towing companies are governed by city ordinance and by Florida State Statutes that provides numerous guidelines with which tow companies must comply.

Complaints of illegal tows, although handled by GPD, don't cover complaints of legal tows that involve the behavior or practices of the tow companies during the tow or pick up of the vehicle.

Committee members felt the need to have more information regarding the totality of this issue and the impact with regard to standards, practices and cost.

After much discussion, the PSC recommended that the City Commission hear the presentation of information and take action necessary with regard to the provisions of Resolution #R-94-79.

RECOMMENDATION The Public Safety Committee 1) hear an update from staff on information requested at the October 19, 2000 PSC meeting and 2) take action as deemed appropriate to forward a recommendation to the full City Commission on 12/11/00.

A motion was made that this matter be Returned Without Recommendation. The motion carried.

### **MEMBER COMMENT**

#### CITIZEN COMMENT

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2000 @ 2:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee Meeting of 11/16/00, 2:00 p.m. Alcohol Tent Permits and Towing Rates Staff Notes

### #991151 -Alcohol/Tents in the University Context Area:

Planning Manager Ralph Hilliard provided proposed language changes to the "Temporary Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Sales for University of Florida Home Game Day Events, in the University Context Area Permit".

Citizens Mark Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Reichardt spoke to the matter.

There was discussion regarding the \$300 permit fee and the need for more trash receptacles and storage for trash during game day events. There was also discussion about increasing the size of the tent area if they have to allow for an additional dumpster, however, an increase was dismissed.

The Public Safety Committee requested that Mr. Hilliard add a provision in the permit under (1) e that the permit holders will present to the city in detail how they will provide adequately for garbage and storage during these special events. Additionally, the permit holders would provide documentation that shows they have contracted with a trash hauler to pick up after the event. Mr. Hilliard's changes will be made and presented to the City Commission as a PSC report out and recommendation at the first CC meeting in January (January 9, 2001).

Mr. Goldstein commented that he would regard this permit as progress for the neighborhood and that it goes a good way toward improvement. He cautioned, however, that any drop in police or alterations to the current enforcement (party patrol, etc.) would ensure that the whole issue returns.

Other suggestions: Mr. and Mrs. Reichardt complimented the new trash receptacles but thinks more are needed on game day and that the cardboard receptacles be put out before the games. She would also encourage more of them along the side streets as well. Commissioner Nielsen asked that this suggestion be forwarded to the City Manager for his consideration/follow through.

Commissioner Nielsen suggested that the Commission could always review this issue again in a year to see how it worked out for next season's game days.

#### #000374 -Towing:

GPD Lt. Huckstep provided a comparison survey of other municipalities roam towing rates and provided the requested CPI. The CPI (consumer price index) increased by 17.8% from May 94 to September 2000. If the PSC went strictly by the CPI in

determining rate increases, adding 17.8% to the original \$70 rate would bring the increase to \$82.46.

The following citizens spoke to this matter: Matt Blane, Todd Rousseau, Harry Hall, Robert Roundtree, Gene Watson, Mark Adler

Mr. Roundtree referred to his letter of 9/28/00 requesting rate increase consideration and citing as an example of justification for that increase: a 58% increase in the cost of fuel, a 79% increase in the cost of insurance and a 36% increase in the purchase price of new tow trucks, commenting that increasing the maximum fee per tow to \$100 would help offset those costs. Acknowledging that no one likes to be towed, he reminded that vehicles towed, with minimal exceptions, are a result of illegal parking. He noted that towing companies contract with the businesses, which set the rules on how they want the tow companies to tow (time of day, frequency, etc.). He suggested that when people have complaints about being towed from private property lots, they should contact the business owners who set those mandates through their contracts. Mr. Roundtree referred to a memo provided by GPD that had cited less than a dozen formal complaints against tow companies since the resolution was adopted in 1994.

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Members of the towing company industry who spoke cited that increased rates are fair as they have not seen an increase since the city passed the resolution in 1994 and that their costs have gone up, and their drivers have not received an increase. They acknowledged that there may be "bad apples" but they (those speaking) were honorable, ethical towers who shouldn't be deprived the increase because of the few.

Comments were made regarding the lack of parking spaces creating the need for the businesses to have towing contracts, ensuring that those who have legally paid for parking spaces, have full access to them.

Mr. Roundtree and representatives of the towing companies advised that they are governed by the city ordinance and by Florida State Statutes that provides numerous guidelines with which they must comply. Comments were made that it may be a matter of educating the public as to who they can file a complaint with regarding tows. It was also noted, however, that complaints of illegal tows although handled by GPD, don't cover complaints of legal tows that involve the behavior or practices of the tow companies during the tow or pick up of the vehicle.

It was noted that contracts between the tow companies must be on file with GPD and that it is illegal for tow companies to make payment to the businesses for those contracts. It was also acknowledged that other than having material proof, there would be little means with which to know if that was occurring.

UF Student President Mark Adler remarked that he had heard many stories from students about "predatory type tows" and that they wanted to see some reforms. He suggested that if rates are increased, the city should be prepared for protests in the form of letters and students attending meetings.

Commissioner Nielsen suggested the need to address community expectations of standards and practices and that the PSC/CC should pursue this whole situation of standards and behaviors and not just the rates.

After much discussion, the Public Safety Committee recommended that the City Commission at the 12/11/00 meeting 1) hear the presentation of information as provided by staff on towing from certain private property, including information provided as back-up by staff and citizens, and copies of the city ordinance and Florida State Statutes regulating towing companies, and 2) take action as necessary with regard to Resolution #R-94-79.

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### CITIZEN COMMENT

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RECOMMENDATION The City Commission refer this item to the Public Safety Committee.

Discussed

**New Business** 

000540

Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund Funding for Joint Aviation Unit (B)

The PSC approved this item to go to the full City Commission for their consideration.

RECOMMENDATION The City Commission approve the appropriation of \$63,858.50 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the operation of the Joint Aviation Unit for FY01.

**Recommended for Approval** 

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Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2000. (Tentative on that agenda is Alcohol and Tents and Towing).

### Temporary Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Sales for University of Florida Home Game Day Events, in the University Context Area Permit

### Underlines are changes since the last meeting.

- (1) Temporary Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage <u>Sales for University of Florida Home Game Day</u>

  <u>Events, in the University Context Area Permit</u>. The manager or designee may issue a permit for outdoor alcoholic beverage sales, provided the following conditions and requirements are met:
  - a. The business conducting the sale must be an existing business in a <u>permanently</u> fixed location operating with an alcoholic beverage license issued by the State of Florida
  - b. The temporary sale event must be conducted on the site where the business is located and the site of the temporary sale must be owned or leased by the business as part of the normal daily operations of the business. Businesses located in a development consisting of several stores sharing the area to be used by the sales event must have the permission of the owner of the development and the consent of the tenants that share the space.
  - c. The area used for the temporary sales event can not be more than 1.5 times the square footage of the on-site business conducting the sale. Permits for the use of the space will be issued for the period of the day before game and the day of the game.
  - d. All permit applications must include a site plan sketch showing the location, access, barriers delineating the use area from other public areas and all other details of the site. All permit applications must be applied for at least 10 days before the event.
  - e. The permit application shall also include a report detailing how many people are expected to attend, the capacity of any proposed temporary structures, whether there would be outdoor entertainment and a public safety plan detailing how the sponsors will maintain crowd control and public safety, in addition to compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance.
  - f. Applications for a permit under the provisions herein shall be examined by the appropriate departments of the city to ensure protection of the public health, safety and general welfare. In addition to normal concerns of each such department, particular attention shall be given to traffic flow and control, auto and pedestrian safety, and the effect that such use and activity will have on surrounding uses, particularly where the adjoining use is residential. The permit may be approved, approved with conditions or denied by the city manager or designee.



### City of Gainesville **Master Report**

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File Number: 991151

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File Type: Ordinance

Status: Pending In

Committee

Version: 4

Reference:

Cost:

Controlling Body: Public Safety

Committee

File Name: Land Development Code Amendment - Petition 32TCH-00PB

Introduced: 11/16/00

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Requester:

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Title: Alcohol in the University Context Area

Indexes:

Sponsors:

Attachments:

History of Legislative File

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
City Commission	5/22/00	Approved (Petition)				Pass

and Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance)

Action Note: Chair Pro Tem John Barrow recognized City of Gainesville Planning Manager Ralph Hilliard who

gave a presentation.

Chair Pro Tem John Barrow recognized Joe's Deli Owner Bill Reichartd and Citizen Mark Goldstein

who spoke to the matter.

City Commission

6/12/00 Striken From the

Agenda (Ordinance)

Action Note: Chair Paula M. DeLaney recognized Citizens Reverend Tim Keyes, Karen Rodenizer, Bill Reichardt,

Jackie Reichardt, Melissa McCullough, Jack Reichardt, Fritz Reichardt and Mary Reichardt who spoke

to the matter.

ADDITIONAL MOTION: Commissioner Pegeen Hanrahan moved and Commissioner Chuck

Chestnut seconded to refer this matter to the Public Safety Committee.

(VOTE: 4-0)

City Commission

6/12/00

Referred

Public Safety Committee 12/12/00

Action Note: This Ordinance was stricken from the Agenda on June 12, 2000 and subsequently referred it to the

Public Safety Committee.

Pass



# City of Gainesville **Master Report**

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Printed on 11/3/00

File Number: 991151

Public Safety Committee 7/21/00

Discussed

Action Note: Citizens Mark Goldstein, Bill and Jackie Reichardt, Mac McEachern, Sara Poll and city staff were recognized and spoke to the matter.

> There was a general discussion and agreement of those present that crowds have consistently increased over the past years during home football games. Those crowds precipitate other problems such as noise, trash, underage drinking, traffic congestion, etc. This in turn, requires more enforcement by police, code enforcement and solid waste personnel.

> Discussions of recommendations and solutions included: a) charging the businesses who want to have a tent or a special permit, a premium fee, b) asking businesses along University Avenue to limit the number of drinks a person can consume, by issuing a drink card, c) police presence on business property, d) trash pick up from private businesses on Sunday, e) elimination of UF's pass-out policy, f) discussion with school board on J.J. Finley's parking lot use during games, g) closing 17th and University Avenue due to overfill crowds from the businesses, h) establishing fees for special permits (currently the city does not charge a fee for special permits, but does charge \$50 for tent fees) i) limiting the size of the tent/area through some type of ratio and cap on the tents with regard to the space they take up and the ratio between indoor and outdoor space, under Chapter 30, Land Use Code, as part of the application process for the permit, j) ask UF to reconsider those late game starts.

> The recommendation of the PSC was 1) the PSC ask the Mayor to prepare a letter to UAA requesting review of the pay structure currently used by UF to pay for GPD officers during the games, 2) establish a fee structure for the special event permits, and to include a cap on area of event size, based on size of building/lot ratio, as well as establishing a clearly defined area for the special event permit. The goal of the established fee is to hire additional officers and for clean up. 3) Explore revoking permits based on performance. (Note for staff: Joe's Deli uses approximately 3,500 of their 5,000 sq. ft. parking lot for their event area. The inside business is approximately 2,400 sq. ft.)

> City Manager and staff will work on recommendations to return to the PSC at the September meeting.

Public Safety Committee 9/21/00

Discussed

Action Note: Staff provided updates on UF home game alcohol details, party patrol details and enforcement observations in and around the University Context area as requested from the July 21, 2000 PSC meeting. Code Enforcement and Planning staff returned with recommendations to the special event permit fee as well as requirements and restrictions to obtaining the permit. After discussion by staff and citizen comments, the following will be considered in the final document to review at the November PSC meeting. 1) The new special event permit will be titled "Temporary Outdoor Alcoholic Beverage Sales for UF Home Game Day Events, in the University Context area", 2) these special event permit fees will be \$300, 3) A ten day minimum application period to apply for the permit will be required, 4) applicants may apply for all of their permits at one time, however, would be expected to pay the \$300 per event fee at that same time, 5) applicants may apply and pay for one permit per event, but give their intent at the time of their first application, 6) permits will be issued for the period of "the day before the game and the day of the game", 7) the City will include a provision for denial of the permit based on incidents arising from past events, 8) special event permits are in addition to the tent permit, 9) clarification on Section (1) a in the proposed draft requiring the business to be an already established business in a permanently, fixed location.

Planning staff will return with revisions at the November PSC meeting.

# Gainesville Police Department

Inter-Office Communication
Chief Norman B. Botsford

To: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Date: 11/08/2000

From: Captain R. S. Mitchell

**Subject: ROAM TOWING ORDINANCE** 

As a follow-up to the Public Safety Committee meeting of October 19, 2000 the Police Department was asked to answer how staff/city arrived at the original rate of \$70. This occurred as a result of a number of public meetings with staff, the wrecker companies, and the public safety committee. Surveys were conducted and the consensus of all was that this was an acceptable rate for both the towing companies and the public at-large who also attended these meetings.

Attached to this memo is the letter along with the list of companies doing business in 1995, that were noticed of that portion of the ordinance dealing with requests for rate increases. These letters were sent out by the police department for three years following the adoption of the ordinance to educate the towing vendors of this requirement under the ordinance. As you can see we noticed 25 companies that year, of which, 21 were still in business. This was down from the original invitation to 31 companies to participate in workshops, prior to the ordinance being passed.

The attachment regarding rates are caps, there are no established minimums. There are variances between the cities and not all have roam towing. Three communities were requested for follow-up. Tallahassee has a roam towing ordinance similar to ours and the cap is \$70. Jacksonville has no roam towing and rotational towing is capped at \$82.35 with private property tows capped at \$70. Ocala private property tows are \$35. The attachment shows a sample survey of Florida communities by city, population, roam or private property tow and rates with the best information I could obtain by contacting the police departments or city clerks.

Chief of Police

Mailed 7/19/95 to the attacked list of tow componies

> Post Office Box 1250 Gainesville, FL 32602 (904) 334-2400

July 18, 1995

To: Tow Company Owner
Gainesville, Florida

This notification is to advise you that City of Gainesville Ordinance No. 3973 (0-94-009), which regulates towing from certain private property, requires in Section 14.5-27(b) that the City Commission adopt a resolution establishing towing fees prior to December 31st of each year.

This same section of the ordinance refers to setting the fees after receiving recommendations based on financial information submitted by towing companies as to their costs for the removal of vehicles and other information. The required information is to be submitted by the towing company owners prior to September 30th of each year.

If you wish to have input regarding the setting of fees, please respond with the requested information by September 30, 1995. Send your response to me at the address below:

Captain Robert S. Mitchell Gainesville Police Department Post Office Box 1250 Gainesville, Florida 32602

Sincerely

Robert S. Mitchell, Captain Support Services Commander

RSM/hh



All Gainesville Shannon Wrecker Service
55 NW 23 Ave
ainesville, FL 32065

Billy's Towing Service 1521 NW 13th Street Gainesville, FL 32601

Bohannon's Tire & Brake Svc 2215 North Main Street Gainesville, FL 32609

Buchholz Frame and Body Shop 11 NE 23 Ave Gainesville, FL 32609

Cecil Shannon Wrecker Service 55 NW 23 Ave Gainesville, FL 32605

Dave Nielsen Transportation 2928 NE 21 Way Gainesville, FL 32609

Double "S" Towing 5408 SW 63 Blvd Gainesville, FL 32608

Gainesville Towing, Tire and
Equipment
35 SE 5th Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601
Gator Towing & Auto Center
Attn: Rick Roy
308 SW 11 Place
Gainesville, FL 32601
Green's Wrecker Svc & Garage
Post Office Box 29
Gainesville, FL 32602

Harrell's Wrecker Service and Towing Company Route 2, Box 435 Gainesville, FL 32601

Hawes Chrysler-Plymouth-Subaru 3535 North Main Street Gainesville, FL 32609

John's Chevron Service 3936 Newberry Road Gainesville, FL 32607

Max's Paint and Body Shop 2314 NE 19 Drive Gainesville, FL 32609

N & J Paint and Body Shop 1500 NW 53rd Ave Gainesville, FL 32606

Northwood Towing 3035 NE 19 Drive Gainesville, FL 32609

O'Hara's Chevron 7500 Newberry Road Gainesville, FL 32067

Revis Towing and Recovery Inc Attn: Jeff Revis 4131 NW 6th Street Gainesville, FL 32609 Sander's Towing Service Post Office Box 1898 Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Attn: Stan Forron

931-W. University Ave

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Gainesville, FL 32601

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Ultimate Towing
3424 SW Williston Rd
Gainesville, FL 32608

University Towing
Attn: Rick Moore
1308 South Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601
Westside Towing
1308 South Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32061

USA Towing & Recovery Inc 1508 NW 55th Place Gainesville, FL 32605

# ROAM/PRIVATE PROPERTY TOWING

CITY	POPULATION	ROAM/PRIV PROP	COST
Coral Springs, FL	104,000	Roam	\$20+\$2/mile (average \$35)
Ocala, FL	46,000	Priv Prop	\$35
Hollywood, FL	133,000	Priv Prop	\$45
Lakeland, FL	75,000	Priv Prop	\$45
Tallahassee, FL	132,036	Roam	\$70
Jacksonville, FL	750,000	Priv Prop	\$70
Plantation, FL	78,000	Priv Prop	\$60
Broward County, FL		Priv Prop	\$78
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	155,000	Roam	\$80
Daytona Beach, FL	67,000	Roam	was \$75, now \$100
Bradenton, FL	46,000	Priv Prop	\$100
Boca Raton, FL	70,000	Priv Prop	\$65-\$100
Hialeah, FL	216,000	Roam	\$100
Orlando, FL	184,693	Roam	\$100
St. Petersburg, FL	250,000	NO REGULATION	
Tampa, FL	290,000		No Response
Largo, FL	80,000		No Response
Clearwater, FL	103,000		No Response
Casselberry, FL	24,000		No Response
South Miami, FL	12,500	Roam	Unknown



# City of Gainesville Referral Status Report

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991151	Land Development Code Amendment - Petition 32TCH-00PB (B)	Public Safety Committee	6/12/00	12/12/00
000374	Vehicle Towing Downtown/Streets & Parking Lots (NB)	Public Safety Committee	8/28/00	2/28/01
991309	Abatement of Public Nuisance By One or More Animals (B)	_	4/10/00	10/10/00
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and take action as deemed appropriate.

Legislative History

Referred (4 - 0 - 1 Absent) 6/26/00 City Commission Public Safety Committee

Discussed 8/22/00 Public Safety

Committee

000374

Vehicle Towing Downtown/Streets & Parking Lots (NB)

The Public Safety Committee 1) hear from police department staff on the city's towing ordinance, 2) hear from towing companies on the resolution setting trespass towing

rates, and 3) take action as deemed appropriate.

Explanation: At the August 28th City Commission Meeting Commissioner John Barrow raised concerns regarding random towing downtown on streets and in parking lots.

The City Commission refer this item to the Public Safety

Committee.

Legislative History

City Commission Referred (4 - 0 - 1 Absent) 8/28/00 Public Safety Committee

**New Business** 

000540

Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund Funding for Joint Aviation Unit (B)

The Public Safety Committee approve this item to go to the full City Commission for their consideration

Explanation: On July 8, 1996, the City Commission approved the Inter-Agency Agreement for a Joint Aviation Unit between the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the City of Gainesville's Police Department. The agreement allows for each agency to share the cost of the aviation hangar and office, located at the Gainesville Regional Airport, and the ACSO helicopter mechanic's salary. FY01 cost for the hangar/office is \$4,788.00 and \$21,817.00 for the City's half of the mechanic's salary. In addition, this request includes \$37,253.50 to cover normal operating and maintenance expenses, mandatory FAA flight training and FAA physicals.

Fiscal Note: Funds for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and are allowable per Federal 21 U.S.C. § 881, found in the U.S. Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies". The balance in this account is \$216,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the appropriation of \$63,858.50 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the operation of the Joint Aviation Unit for FY01.

### **Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

Next Meeting November 16, 2000 @ 2:00 p.m.



# City of Gainesville Referral Status Report

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601

File Number	Name	Referred to	Refer Date	Due Date
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991151	Land Development Code Amendment - Petition 32TCH-00PB (B)	Public Safety Committee	6/12/00	12/12/00
000374	Vehicle Towing Downtown/Streets & Parking Lots (NB)	Public Safety Committee	8/28/00	2/28/01
991309	Abatement of Public Nuisance By One or More Animals (B)	ePublic Safety Committee	4/10/00	10/10/00
000158	Prostitutes and Drug Dealers on SW 6th Street (NB)	Public Safety Committee	6/26/00	12/26/00

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TO:

Captain Robert Mitchell

COMPANY:

Gainesville Police Dept. c/o City Attorney's Office

FAX NUMBER:

334-2345

FROM:

Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.

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September 28, 2000

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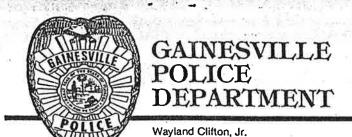
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Chief of Police

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> Post Office Box 1250 Gainesville, FL 32602 (904) 334-2400

July 18, 1995

To: Tow Company Owner Gainesville, Florida

This notification is to advise you that City of Gainesville Ordinance No. 3973 (0-94-009), which regulates towing from certain private property, requires in Section 14.5-27(b) that the City Commission adopt a resolution establishing towing fees prior to December 31st of each year.

This same section of the ordinance refers to setting the fees after receiving recommendations based on financial information submitted by towing companies as to their costs for the removal of vehicles and other information. The required information is to be submitted by the towing company owners prior to September 30th of each year.

If you wish to have input regarding the setting of fees, please respond with the requested information by September 30, 1995. Send your response to me at the address below:

Captain Robert S. Mitchell Gainesville Police Department Post Office Box 1250 Gainesville, Florida 32602

Sincerely

Robert S. Mitchell, Captain Support Services Commander

RSM/hh



PASSED December 12, 1994

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM TRESPASS TOWING FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14.5-27 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 14.5-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville provides that maximum trespass towing fees shall be established annually by the city commission after receiving recommendations based on financial information submitted by the trespass towing companies and other information; and

WHEREAS, no information was submitted by the towing company owners by the September 30 date established in the ordinance, and the City Commission having no other information establishing the need for a change in the established fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission declares that the maximum trespass towing fees shall remain seventy dollars (\$70.00).

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect January 1, 1995 upon adoption.

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Clerk of the Commission

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September 28, 2000

Captain Robert Mitchell Gainesville Police Department c/o City Attorney's Office Gainesville, FI 32601 Fax no. 334-2345

Re:

Towing rates for impounded vehicles per city ordinance Article III, Section 14.5-27(b)

Dear Captain Mitchell:

Our firm represents several towing companies which do business in the City of Gainesville. In 1994, the maximum rate for impound towing was set at \$70.00. There has been no increase since that time despite the rise in the consumer price index and the cost of doing business to the towing companies.

In 1994 a tow truck cost \$34,500.00. Today the same type vehicle costs \$47,000.00. The cost to insure each tow truck has risen from \$1086.00 to \$1942.00. The price of fuel has risen from \$1.13 in 1994 to \$1.79 today.

We respectfully request that you review this information on the increase of operational costs as well as the consumer price index and set this matter down for an agenda item before the city commission. I will be glad to discuss this matter with you and provide you any additional information you request. This information is being provided to you before September 30th as required by the ordinance.

Robert F. Roundtree, Jr.

RERjr/mwt

Established in 1927

# Gainesville Police Department

Inter-Office Communication
Chief Norman B. Botsford

To: Chief Norman B. Botsford Date: October 18, 2000

From: Captain R. S. Mitchell

Subject: Roam Towing

The Roam Towing Ordinance (Sec. 14-5) was adopted on 5-9-94 after a series of public hearings by the City Commission regarding very high towing charges placed on residents by some of the towing vendors. The commission heard stories of individuals who were charged in excess of \$300 for tows.

The Ordinance has been in place for about 5 ½ years with less than a dozen formal complaints by citizens. On an informal basis we still deal with the following types of problems expressed to us;

- 1. Speeding by towing vendors through neighborhoods, especially during ball games, in order to get more tows during the game,
- 2. Nightime bait cars placed in private lots to make the public think it is alright to park in the private lot,
- 3. Blocking of legimate spaces in public lots to cause individuals to park in lots which are towable.
- 4. Driving off without lights and without rotating lights,
- 5. Using portable dollys to roll cars off a lot faster to awaiting trucks,
- 6. Towing cars that are legitimately decaled, and
- 7. Towing from City Streets.

We deal with these issues as they arise and I have requested enforcement from the Districts regarding these issues.

The towing companies involved are pretty good about sending in the contracts and posting the appropriate signs which I check every time a contract is furnished to us. It has been reported that signs are taken down by both residents (students) to say that there was no signage (as an excuse) and by vendors to entice people to park. We have no formal evidence of either. When the police department notices a sign down we report it to the towing company to erect. The signs are generally visible and in compliance with a few minor exceptions.

The towing vendors are lax in sending in a yearly listing of their trucks and driver information and rarely update the information in a timely fashion. We do not inspect the trucks as this is accomplished by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Roam Towing 10/18/00 page two

I do not have current information to ascertain whether the current request by Mr. Roundtree on behalf of the towing companies is a responsible request or not as we do not monitor financial statements of the companies. His letter refers to the costs of towing trucks and operating expenses, but I do not know how many new trucks have been purchased, at higher costs, since the advent of the Ordinance.

This is a brief summary of the Ordinance since 1994 and I remain available to answer any further questions.

**Attachments: Current Ordinance** 

**Current Contract List** 

Sample List of Numbers of tows by type

Request by Robert Roundtree

## **CURRENT ORDINANCE**

CODE OF ORDINANCES City of GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA Codified through Ordinance No. 991015, ado PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 14.5 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS\*

ARTICLE I. LANDLORD PERMITS\*

Secs. 14.5-5--14.5-15. Reserved.

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#### **ARTICLE II. RESERVED\***

\*Editor's note--Section 1 of Ord. No. 980470, adopted December 12, 1998, repealed §§ 14.5-16--14.5-18 in their entirety. Formerly, said sections pertained to convenience food stores and derived from Ord. No. 3230, § 1, adopted July 14, 1986; Ord. No. 3308, § 1, adopted December 15, 1986; and Ord. No. 3318, § 1, adopted February 2, 1987.

Secs. 14.5-16--14.5-24. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE III. TOWING FROM CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY

Sec. 14.5-25. Definitions.

As used in this article:

Emergency towing as used in this article shall only include circumstances where the usual operation of a business is impeded by the blocking of entrances, exits or access to operational equipment, but specifically shall not include tows for the purpose of clearing parking areas.

Normal business hours shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Storage shall begin 24 hours after completion of the tow.

Trespass towing shall mean towing or removal of a vehicle that is parked on private real property.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)



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ARTICLE III. TOWING FROM CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY

Sec. 14.5-26. Prerequisites to towing vehicles parked on private property; exceptions.

#### Sec. 14.5-26. Prerequisites to towing vehicles parked on private property; exceptions.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to tow or cause to be towed any vehicle parked on private real property unless the provisions of F.S. § 715.07, have been complied with together with the following requirements:
  - (1) The owners of the real property and the towing service shall have executed, at least 24 hours prior to the towing or removal of any vehicle, a written agreement for trespass towing, which agreement shall contain the following provisions:
    - a. The duration of the agreement;
    - b. The time of day that such towing or removal is authorized;
    - c. The days of the week that such towing or removal is authorized;
    - d. The fees to be paid for the towing or removal;
    - e. The signatures of both the property owner or the authorized representative, and the owner, or authorized representative of the towing service, certifying that each has read and is in compliance with all of the provisions of F.S. § 715.07.

The form for such agreement shall be provided by the police department, and may not be amended or modified in any manner which provides for terms or activities which violate the provisions of this article or F.S. § 715.07.

- (2) A copy of the completed agreement is on file with the Gainesville Police Department.
- (3) Where the private real property is provided for residential parking other than for a single-family residence, the agreement, except as provided in section 14.5-26(a)(4), shall not authorize the towing service to tow away or remove any vehicle without a verified request to remove the specific vehicle by the property owner or an authorized representative. A property owner's representative may include a resident manager, a property manager or other agent who has the legal authority to bind the owner, but may not be an officer, employee or agent of a towing service.
- (4) Owners of properties used for residential purposes may elect to authorize the towing service to tow away or remove vehicles without a verified request to remove a specific vehicle provided that the owner first complies with the following requirements:
  - a. Signage shall be added to each of the existing tow away signs with letters of the same size as the "tow away" language, which provides the following words: "Roam towing." The sign shall state the specific hours of roam towing or state 24 hours, if that is applicable.
  - b. **Towing** contract on file with the Gainesville Police Department as required by section 14.5-26(a)(1) shall be amended to provide for **roam towing**.
  - c. Lease, rental or property owners' association documents shall contain a notice provision indicating that the residential property utilizes *roam towing*. In the case of properties with existing leases, rental agreements or property owners' association documents, it shall be sufficient to notify by regular mail, at the last known address, each of the tenants/owners of the property prior to the initiation of *roam towing*. All amendments to or new leases, rental agreements or property owners' association documents shall contain the provision giving notice that the property owner intends to utilize *roam towing*.



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- (5) The towing service shall notify the Gainesville Police Department of the tow no later than 15 minutes after "completion of hook-up". The notification shall include: 1) make, model, license number, and vehicle identification number ("VIN") of the vehicle towed, and 2) a phone number to call for more information.
- (b) The provisions of this article shall not apply to:
  - (1) The towing of vehicles pursuant to section 3-116, authority to remove vehicles, and section 26-136 et seq "Abandoned, Wrecked and Non-operating Vehicles," City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances.
  - (2) The towing of vehicles from property appurtenant to and obviously a part of a single-family residence.
  - (3) When notice is personally given to the owner or other legally authorized person in control of the vehicle that the area in which that vehicle is parked is reserved or otherwise unavailable and that the unauthorized vehicle will be removed at the owner's or operator's expense.
- (c) The 24-hour notice requirement of this section shall not apply where the tow is of an emergency nature and the property owner or authorized representative of the tow owner or operator has notified the police department prior to removing the vehicle.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-27. Fees charged.

- (a) Any towing firm engaged in the business of trespass towing shall not charge the owner of any towed vehicle or personal property in excess of \$70.00 for the removal of a vehicle. The fee of \$70.00 shall be all inclusive; and no additional fees may be charged for using dollies, trailers, lifts, slim jims, or any other special equipment or services; however, the maximum fees in this section shall not apply to trespass towing of vehicles which have more than two axles or more than four road wheels or are rated to carry more than one ton.
- (b) Maximum trespass towing fees shall be established annually by the city commission after receiving recommendations based on financial information submitted by the trespass towing companies as to their costs for the removal of vehicles and on other information. The required information shall be submitted by the towing company owners by September 30 of each year. The maximum fees shall be set by resolution to be adopted by the city commission prior to December 31 of each year. Such maximum fees shall be effective during the following calendar year and until changed by subsequent resolution.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-28. Vehicle not connected upon operator returning.

The owner or operator of any *towing* service vehicle which is summoned to tow away any vehicle on private property, or stops to tow any vehicle under a valid "*Roam Towing*" provision on private property, shall not remove or tow the vehicle away and shall not charge any fee if the vehicle operator returns to the vehicle prior to the *towing* service operator having physically connected the vehicle to the *towing* apparatus.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

Sec. 14.5-29. Vehicle not towed upon operator returning.



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Sec. 14.5-29. Vehicle not towed upon operator returning.

If the registered owner or other legally authorized person in control of the vehicle arrives at the scene prior to removal or towing of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be disconnected from the towing or removal apparatus, and that person shall be allowed to remove the vehicle without interference upon the payment of a reasonable service fee of not more than one-half of the posted rate for such towing service for which a receipt shall be given, unless that person refuses to remove the vehicle which is otherwise unlawfully parked.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

## Sec. 14.5-30. Vehicles subject to criminal investigation.

Tow owner shall not refuse to relinquish to the police, a vehicle which is the subject of a criminal investigation. Relinquishment of the vehicle to the police for impoundment at its contract site shall not affect tow owners right to payment for services rendered and payment for those services shall be made to tow owner by the owner of the vehicle or his/her representative, or other arrangements shall be made with tow owner to receive payment before the vehicle is released to the owner or his/her representative.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-31. Owner operator and vehicle registration provisions.

- It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, either as principal, agent or employee, to do any trespass towing without having first registered the owner, operators and towing service vehicles with the police department, using a format approved by the police department. The information for registration shall contain the make, model and manufacturer's serial number of the vehicle; date the vehicle was put into service; the driver's license number of the owner and of all towing service vehicles; the name of the insurance company or companies with which the owner and operators have liability insurance coverage for the operation of the vehicle as required by law; and such other information as may be required.
- It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation hired by the owner of private property within the city to do any trespass towing without first having complied with the provisions of this article. In addition to the requirements of F.S. § 715.07, the wording on the sign shall indicate if towing is conducted other than normal business hours by the posting of a sign indicating "24 hours per day."
- All parking regulation announcement signs shall be brought into compliance with this section by July 9. 1994.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-32. Revocation for violations of the ordinance; grounds.

- Towing service owners or operators may be fined as provided in section 14.5-36 below, and/or have their privilege to do trespass towing revoked as provided in section 14.5-32(b) on any of the following grounds:
  - If the towing service owner or operators fail to register as required by this article; or (1)
  - If the registration contains false statement of a material fact; or (2)
  - If the towing service owner or operator provides monetary or other compensation to the private property owner for the privilege of towing vehicles from the property under contract; or



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- (4) If the towing service owner or operator charges fees in excess of those set out in section 14.5-27; or
- (5) If the towing service owner or operator violates any of the provisions of this article.
- (b) Three violations by any owner and/or operator of a towing service or towing service vehicle, of any provision of this article within any 12-month period shall result in the automatic revocation of the owner's or operator's privilege to engage in the business of trespass towing for one month.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-33. Hearing; notice of violation and notice of revocation.

- (1) The owner or operator shall receive in person or by certified mail, a copy of any complaint file and shall respond to such complaint in writing within seven days of receipt. The owner or operator shall be advised if the complaint for which notice is given could result in revocation of the privilege to do trespass towing; e.g. if it would constitute a third violation within a 12-month period.
- (2) The city manager or designee will review the response, or take the lack of response to consideration and determine if a violation has occurred. Notice of that determination will be sent to the owner or operator.
- (3) If the determination is that a violation has occurred and the violation is one that results in revocation of the privilege of trespass towing, the owner or operator will be advised of the effective date of revocation which date shall not be less that 15 days from delivery of the notice of determination.
- (4) The owner or operator may make a written request for a due process hearing within 15 calendar days or receipt of the determination of violation. Failure to request a hearing within 15 calendar days of receipt of the determination of violation shall constitute a waiver by the owner or operator of any right to a hearing on the violation or revocation.
- (5) The city manager or his designee shall establish rules governing the conduct of the hearing to ensure the due process law.
- (6) Upon a review of the evidence presented at the hearing, the city manager or his designee may sustain the violation. The city manager or designee shall revoke the owner's or operator's privilege to engage in the business of trespass towing for one month, if: (a) the determination of violation is sustained; and (b) the violation is the third violation within a 12-month period.
- (7) Any towing service owner or operator whose privilege to engage in the trespass towing has been revoked shall not be eligible to again register with the police department for trespass towing for a period of one month from the date of revocation.

(Ord. No. 3973, § 1, 5-9-94)

#### Sec. 14.5-34. Receipt from towing service to be furnished to owner when vehicle claimed.

When a towed vehicle is claimed the towing service shall furnish the owner or other legally authorized person with a receipt which shall include the name of the person or management entity who authorized the towing. The receipt shall also include the following language:



George Seagle Hall G.R. Anderson, Rep 1002 W. University Avenue 08/14/00 – Open

Georgetown Apartments 1324 NW 16th Avenue 2/6/97 – Open

Goerings Book Store Tom Rider, Rep 1717 NW 1st Avenue 08/21/00 – Open

Gold Standard
Paul Futch, Rep.
1230 W. University Avenue
4/15/99 - Open

Gordy Apartments 102 NW 15th Street 1508 NW 1st Lane 10/19/98 - Open

Hasse, Jeff 933 SW 5th Ave 08/23/00 - Open

Holiday Inn University Center 1250 W. University Avenue 7/30/98 - Open

Home Realty Apartments Jason Garcia, Rep. 1123-1211 NW 45th Avenue 5/5/99 - Open

Independent Fla Alligator 1105 W. University Ave 4/21/99 - Open

Islamic Center of G'ville Khaled Mohammed, Rep 1010 W. University Ave 10/29/99 - Open

J.J. Finley Elementary Security Trailer Driveway 1912½ NW 5th Avenue 7/7/99 - Open

Kappa Alpha Theta Wendy Culpepper, Rep 715 SW 10th Street 09/05/00 - Open Kennedy Homes Roy Manns, Rep. 1721 SE 8th Avenue 7/1/99 - Open

Kieszek Properties David Kieszek, Owner/Rep 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, and 1122 SW 2nd Avenue 1/13/98 until further notice

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> Kutters 1916 North Waldo Road 6/24/98 - Open

La Mancha Apartments Kimberly Swiegard, Rep 914 SW 8th Avenue 07/17/00 – Open

Main Street Chevron 1516 North Main Street 12/1/95 - Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1215-1221 SW 4th Avenue 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1130 SW 5th Avenue 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia Alligator Alley Pkg 1120 SW 1st Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1212 SW 5th Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1119-1127 SW 5th Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 202 NW 12th Terrace 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 5 SW 12th Street 7/5/99 – Open Mendoza, Patricia 1219 W. University Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1208 SW 1st Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1618 NW 4th Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1111 SW 7th Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 323 NW 15th St 323½ NW 15th St 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 1003 SW 7th Ave 1007 SW 7th Ave 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 25 SW 24th Street 109 SW 24th Street 7/5/99 – Open

Mendoza, Patricia 626 – 628 NW 13th Terr 10/2/99 - Open

Miami Subs Gus Tambouratzis 1209 W. University Avenue 4/2/99 - Open

Mother Cluckers 204 SW 2nd Avenue 10/19/98 - Open

Oakbrook Walk (extension) Mark Farrar, Rep 1331 SW 13th Street 06/08/00 - Open

Oaklawn Apartments Alvin & Diane Price, Reps 312-320 SW 10th Street 9/17/99 - Open Oaks Mall Chevron 6815 Newberry Road 12/1/95 - Open

Palm Square Apartments Jason Garcia, Rep. 637-657 NE Waldo Road 4/27/99 - Open

Palms At First Avenue Richelle Pace, Rep 1017 SW 1st Avenue 11/19/99 - Open

Park Place Apartments Melody Irizarry, Rep. 2701 SW 13th Street 09/28/00 - Open

Perkins Restaurant 6825 NW 8th Avenue 1/25/99 – Open

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Geoffrey Spiegel, Rep. 121 SW 13th Street 10/05/00 - Open

Plaza Triple Theater D.J. Caudle, Rep 1300 Blk NW 23rd Ave 09/04/00 - Open

Point West Apartments S. Bergman, Rep 500 SW 34th Street 8/26/99 - Open

Pointe 23 Apartments 740 NE 23rd Avenue 5/7/99 - Open

Property Located at 1024 W. University Avenue 12/1/95 - Open

Pumphrey, Phyllis Private Residence 102 NW 27th Terrace 09/06/00 – Open

Quad William Annin, Rep 609 SW 10th Lane 07/06/00 - Open Maurice Revitz Vacant Lot 1118 SE 4th Avenue 3/24/00 – Open

Rigdon Property Gail Rigdon, Rep 4434 NW 13th Street 3/11/99 - Open

Roadside Relics Randy Rhodes, Rep 1534 NW 53rd Avenue 6/23/99 – Open

Saigon Cafe Marie T. Vu, Owner/Rep 1222 W. University Ave 9/22/98 - Open

Sander's House 1615 & 1625 NW 3rd Avenue 7/27/98 - Open

Savannah Grande 301 North Main Street 12/8/98 - Open

Sawamura Japanese Steakhouse 1624 SW 13th Street 1/28/99 - Open

Schackow, Richard - owner 1227 SW 4th Avenue 8/8/99 – Open

Scottish Inn – North Diane Squires, Rep 4155 NW 13th Street 3/12/99 - Open

Side Effects Holly Raba, Auth Rep 1220 W. University Ave 9/22/98 - Open

Somerset Village Condo Assoc 1600 - 1686 SW 16th Street 01/08/99 - Open

Soraci, Surrency & Turnage Law Firm 200 NE 1st Street 9/3/99 - Open Sound Depot Albert Bhont, Rep 405 NW 13th Street -05/11/00 - Open

Stringfellow Buildings James L. Stringfellow, Sr. 802, 804, 806, 808 W. Univ Ave 3/6/00 – Open

Stringfellow, James L. Jr. 818 WUA & 818 NW 1st Ave 3/6/00 – Open

Sunbridge Care & Rehab Jeff Bradley, Rep 1311 SW 16th Street 09/05/00 - Open

Taco Bell 826 W. University Avenue 3/12/99 - Open

Tivoli Apartments 2841 SW 13th Street 10/26/98 - Open

United Church of Gainesville 1624 NW 5th Avenue 7/28/98 - Open

University Book & Supply Pam Summski, Rep 1227 W. University Avenue 7/15/99 - Open

University Centre Hotel 1535 SW Archer Rd 10/14/98 - Open

University Lutheran Church 1826 W. University Avenue 7/13/98 - Open

Village & Forest Green Apts 3101 NE 15th Street 12/22/98 - Open

Vizcaya Apartments 720 SW 34th Street 9/4/98 - Open

Water World Jeff Morris, Rep 720 NW 13th Street 8/13/99 - Open Williston Road Chevron 3450 SW Williston Road 12/1/95 - Open

Windmeadows Mobile Home Park 3540 SW Archer Road 6/16/98 – Open

Woodbury Parking Lot W.C. Woodbury, owner 1119 SW 5th Ave 07/15/00 - Open ELITE TOWING CO. Stan Forron, Owner 907 SW 3rd Street Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 335-7799

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303, 305, & 307 NW 15th Terrace 6/29/96 - Open

Ed Bauer Office 726 NW 8th Avenue 6/3/97 until further notice

Beechler's Printing 350 NW 39th Avenue 1/5/98 until further notice

Boulevard Condominiums 361 NE Boulevard 6/11/97 until further notice

Campus View Corners 1634 W. University Ave. 7/15/97 until further notice

Christie, Albert J. 105 & 115 NW 7th Terrace 110 NW 7th Street 3/26/97 until further notice

Circe Arms 216 SW 12th Street 1210, 1216, 1218 SW 3rd Ave 5/1/97 until further notice

Colonial Plaza 702 - 720 W. University Ave. 3/31/97 until further notice

Comquest Designs, Inc. 1899 NE 23rd Avenue 11/29/95 - indefinite

Country Manor Apts. Andrew Theriot, Rep 2701 NW 23rd Blvd 11/8/99 – 30 days notice

Cresap Arms 438 NW 15th Street 2/1/97 - Indefinite First Credit Union of G'ville 412 E. University Ave. 8/21/97 until further notice

Gainesville Artisans Guild James Stringfellow, Owner 806 W. University Ave 4/23/97 until further notice

Gainesville Shopping Ctr 1000-1400 N. Main Street 4/18/96 - until further notice

Gator Estates 1231 SW 4th Avenue 8/31/95 - indefinite

Goodyear Store #2440 Steve King, Rep 1211 North Main Street 2/2/99 - Open

Gore Rabell Real Estate Flint Hill 300 NW 20th Avenue 6/26/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Mitchel Apartments 1931, 1933, 1935 NW 4th Ave 6/27/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Apartments 715 & 723 SW 9th Street 6/26/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Apartments 902 & 914 SW 7th Avenue 6/26/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Apartments 1016-1022 SW 8th Avenue 6/26/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Apartments 1406 NW 5th Avenue 6/26/97 until further notice

Gore Rabell Real Estate Wood River Apartments 920 SW Depot Ave 6/26/97 until further notice Graduate Apartments 1241 SW 4th Avenue -8/17/98 until further notice

Graduate II Apartments 1236 SW 4th Avenue 12/6/95 until further notice

Horizon House/Sunrise Apts. 1515 NW 10th Street 1500 NW 12th Street 3/6/95 until further notice

In The Pines Apartments 205 SE 16th Avenue 7/24/98 until further notice

International Gold & Diamond 424 NW 13th Street 5/22/96 - Indefinite

J.J. Finley Elementary 1912 NW 5th Ave 9/2/99 – Until Further Notice

Jay Williams Companies 821 NW 13th Street 4/3/96 - indefinite

Kappa Sigma Fraternity 19 SW 13th Street 10/9/96 - Indefinite

Kennedy Homes Apts. 1721 SE 8th Avenue 11/29/95 - until further notice

Leonardos Mark Newman, Rep 1245 W. University Avenue 1/27/99 - Open

McDonald's David Robertson, Rep 201 NW 13th Street 04/12/00 – 07/12/00

Mill Pond Condo Assoc. 5000-C NW 27th Court 11/12/96 - Indefinite

Millhopper Village Barbara Fulton, Rep 507 NW 39th Road 08/23/00 - Open Oak Forest Apartments 3301 SW 13th Street 11/10/97 - Open

Oak Park Executive Square 2002 NW 13th Street 10/30/97 until further notice

Okken, David 213 NW 8th Street 08/18/00 – 08/18/01

Our Place Cafe James Stringfellow, Owner 808 W. University Ave 4/23/97 until further notice

Paradigm Properties, Inc. Multiple Locations 7/17/97 until further notice

Paradise Park 4546 NW 13th Street 7/12/97 until further notice

Park 16th 1111 SW 16th Avenue 7/1/97 until further notice

Pine Grove Professional Ctr 4051 NW 43rd Street 6/11/96 - indefinite

Pineridge 4 & 5 Homeowner's Association 5700 blk NW 25th Terr, etc. 3/20/96 - Indefinite

Plaza West Condo Assoc 4010 West Newberry Road 11/29/95 - indefinite

Puretone Hearing Aid Svc 5080 West Newberry Road 8/21/97 until further notice

Ralph's Hamburgers 203 SW 2nd Avenue 11/13/97 until further notice

Rhodes Furniture Irma Rugar, Rep 2305 NW 13th Street 11/1/99 – 11/1/2000 Rosewood Apartments 203 NW 15th Street 6/3/97 until further notice

Royal Village Apartments Diana Moss, Agent 710 SW Depot Avenue 824 SW 8th Street 920 SW 6th Street 03/16/00 – 03/15/01

Shackow Realty Richard Shackow, Owner 1227 SW 4th Avenue 08/24/00 until further notice

Short, Sharon 327 NW 15th Terrace 07/19/00 until further notice

Silver Wing Property, Inc. Richelle Anstead, rep 1017 & 1029 SW 1st Ave 1106 SW 4th Ave 2/6/99 - Open

Smysor Properties 1634 W. University Ave 1806 NW 1st Avenue 1638 NW 2nd Avenue Lot - NW 17th St & 1st Ave Date??

Starlight Apartments 829 SW 5th Avenue 6/5/97 until further notice

Stringfellow, James L. 801 NW 1st Avenue 4/23/97 until further notice

Summerset 16th Street 4/1/97 until further notice

Sweetwater Pines 5405 NW 20th Way 11/2/96 - Indefinite

Thomas Estates, Inc. (Apartments)
Richelle Anstead, rep
1710 NW 7th Street
2/23/99 – Open

Thomas Oil Co.
"Carport" Service Stations
Cadmus McCarthy, Rep
3838 North Main Street
17030 SE 26th Street
3328 W. University Avenue
4909 NW 34th Street
1024 W. University Avenue
220 NW 39th Street
04/24/00 – until further notice

Tivoli Sherry Shaara, agent 2841 SW 13th Street 3/4/99 – until further notice

Townhouse at Lennox Apts 805 - 944 NW 42nd Terrace 11/12/96 - Indefinite

University BP Station 931 W. University Ave 12/6/95 - Indefinite

University Ave Bookshop James Stringfellow, Owner 804 W. University Avenue 4/23/97 until further notice

University Heights 1100 SW 8th Avenue 8/31/95 - Indefinite

U.S. Digital James Estaver, Rep 503 SW 2nd Ave 05/19/00 - Open

Warren, Michael
12 NE 4th Street
14 NE 4th Street
06/01/00 until further notice

Wellerson Apartments Eric Forrest, Rep 821 NW 13th Street 07/14/00 - Open

Wild Iris Bookstore James Stringfellow, Owner 802 W. University Ave 4/23/97 until further notice Windsor Hall Eric Forrest, Rep 629 SW 9th Street 07/14/00 - Open

## UNIVERSITY TOWING

4131 NW 6th Street Gainesville, FL 32609 (352) 373-4671

Blade Agency C.V. Steadham, Owner 203 & 225 SW 3rd Ave 10/04/00 – 10/04/01

Blade Agency C.V. Steadham, Owner 227 SW 4th Avenue 10/04/00 – 10/04/01

Brual, Perba 922, 924, 1117, 1119, 1123 & 1125 SW 7th Ave 10/13/00 – 10/13/01

Faces Hair Salon 410 SE 4th Place Date?

Godfather's Pizza Plaza 1349-1525 NW 23rd Avenue 7/22/97 until further notice

Nick's Place 110 & 130 NW 9th Terrace 9/18/97 - Open

O'Brian Condos Dennis Adair, Owner 501 NW 15th Avenue 2/12/1999 – 2/12/2011

Rustic Springs Apartments 1923 NW 23rd Blvd 8/26/98 - Open Sims, Tom 905 SW 8th Ave 8/15/99 -- 12/30/2000

Texaco 1206 W. University Ave 8/2/99 - Open

Tumblin Creek Condo 1015 SW 9th Street 8/22/97 until further notice

# NORTHWOOD TOWING CO.

1540 NW 53rd Avenue Gainesville, FL 32653 (352) 373-6445 Jim Mullins, Owner

Badcock Furniture
David Odowski, Rep
111 SW 2nd Avenue
1/19/00 – Until Further Notice

Pat's Quick Stop 1201 SW 16th Avenue 8/12/94 - Open TOM'S TOWING
P.O. Box 916
Archer, Florida 32618

(352) 495-9155

Bauer, Weston (residence) 7213 SW 44th Place 03/01/00 – 02/28/01

First Baptist Church Marsha Sherouse, Rep 425 W. University Ave. 10/22/99 – 10/21/2000 ULTIMATE TOWING CO. 3424 SW Williston Road Gainesville, FL 32608 (352) 376-5829

Alpha Gamma Rho 407 SW 13th Street 8/2/94 until further notice

Arbor Lofts 1824 NW 3rd Place 5/1/97 until further notice

Campus Mobil NW 13th Street & University Ave. 12/1/96 - Open

Coland Properties 112 - 118 NW 19th Street 3/1/96 - Open

Courtyard Apartments 1221 SW 2nd Avenue 1231 SW 3rd Avenue 5/1/97 until further notice

Fairmont Oaks 316 SW 62nd Blvd 6/7/95 until further notice

Gator Estates 321 SW 13th Street 5/1/97 until further notice

Gator Plaza 100 NW 13th Street 12/5/95 - indefinite

Heflin, Phillip A. 1616 NW 3rd Avenue 1621 NW 3rd Place 08/01/00 – until further notice

Hunters Crossing 4830 NW 43rd Street 7/13/94 until further notice

Ivy House 1005 SW 8th Ave 5/1/97 until further notice Lakewood Villas 700 SW 62nd Blvd 7/13/94 until further notice

Lohrbaver Properties/Union Properties 1017 & 1021 SW 4th Ave 4/14/95 - Open

Oak Lawn Apartments 312, 316, 320 SW 10th Street 9/19/90 until further notice

Oaks Mall 6419 W. Newberry Road 8/22/94 until further notice

Ron's Cleaners Chad Edwards, Rep 1603 SW 13th Street 04/28/00 – until further notice

Sable Palm Apartments 2112 SW 13th Street 2105 SW 14th Street 2/15/96 until further notice

Sequin Unit 3221 NE 39th Avenue 11/2/95 - Open

Spyglass Apartments 701 SW 62nd Blvd 7/13/94 until further notice

Tree Trail Village Veronica Vela, Rep 2510 NE 9th Street 05/30/00 – until further notice

University Heights 1100 SW 8th Ave 5/1/97 until further notice B & S TOWING 4501 NW 6TH ST GAINESVILLE, FL 32609 (352) 377-3290

Florida Mobile Home Supply Ralph Manning, Rep. 4720 NW 13th Street 2/18/99 – Open

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# **TOWS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1999**

Police Tows - 52 Quarterly Rotation - 56 Private Tows - <u>1,680</u> 1,788

# **TOWS FOR FEBRUARY, 2000**

Police Tows - 53
Quarterly Rotation - 56
Private Tows - 956
1,065

# **TOWS FOR JULY, 2000**

Police Tows - 52 Quarterly Rotation - 59 Private Tows - <u>565</u> 676

Police Tows - Evidence, Prisoner Property, Abandoned Vehicles, Illegally Parked Vehicles, Code Enforcement, Parking Violations

Quarterly - Accidents and Disabled Vehicles

Private - Repossessions and Private Property and Business Tows

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Fax no. 334-2345

Re: Towing rates for impounded vehicles per city ordinance

Article III, Section 14.5-27(b)

Dear Captain Mitchell:

Our firm represents several towing companies which do business in the City of Gainesville. In 1994, the maximum rate for impound towing was set at \$70.00. There has been no increase since that time despite the rise in the consumer price index and the cost of doing business to the towing companies.

In 1994 a tow truck cost \$34,500.00. Today the same type vehicle costs \$47,000.00. The cost to insure each tow truck has risen from \$1086.00 to \$1942.00. The price of fuel has risen from \$1.13 in 1994 to \$1.79 today.

We respectfully request that you review this information on the increase of operational costs as well as the consumer price index and set this matter down for an agenda item before the city commission. I will be glad to discuss this matter with you and provide you any additional information you request. This information is being provided to you before September 30th as required by the ordinance.

Robert F. Roundtree, Jr.

RERjr/mwt

Established in 1927

10-18-2000

U.S. Department Of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Washington, D.C. 20212

Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers - (CPI-U)

U.S. city average

All items

1982-84=100

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1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3		1%
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6		
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7		
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5		
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9		
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	8	
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1923	16.8	16.8	16.8		16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9		
1924	17.3			16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3		
		17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3		
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9		
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7		
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3		
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1		
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2		
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1		
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1934			12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13,1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2		
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1935	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8		
1936	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0		
1937	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4		
1938	14.2	14.1	14:1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0		2
1939	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0		
1940	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1		
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1942	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.1			14.7	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.5		
1943	16.9	16.9	17.2		16.3	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.9		
1944	17.4			17.4	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4		
1945		17.4	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8		
1343	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.2		
1946	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.7	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.8	21.3	21.5		
1947	21.5	21.5	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.4		
1948	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.2	24.1		
1949	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.6		
1950	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.8	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.7	25.0		
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1954	26.9	26.9			26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9		
1955			26.9	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7		
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1956	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.6	× <sup>r</sup>	

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1959	7.6	28.9	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.4		
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1963		30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.B	30.9		
1964		30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.2		100
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1969		35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5		20
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197		42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2		
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197	7 58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1		
197	8 62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7		
197	9 68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7		
198		78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3		
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198		87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	,e 3	
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198		97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	5.65	
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198		121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	120.2 125.6	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7
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199	1 134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2
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199		159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	159.9	161.2
199		161.9	162.2	162.5	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	163.6	164.0	164.0	163.9	162.3	163.7
199		164.5	165.0	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.7	167.1	167.9	168.2	168.3	168.3	165.4	167.8
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