

**LEGISLATIVE #**

**120206b**

**PROPOSED  
TOW AMENDMENTS**

- **Original referral: prevent transfer of business ownership to circumvent penalties for violation of provisions of tow ordinance.**

# Recommendations

- Business itself must be permitted.

Proposed 14.5-27

- Enhance requirements for business and operator permits.

Proposed 14.5-27

- Prohibit a purchaser of a trespass towing service which is under suspension or has outstanding fines/penalties from obtaining a permit until the penalties are paid or resolved.

Proposed 14.5-38

## Recommendations (cont'd)

- Adopt a definition of “relative” defining the persons to whom a permit may not be issued when there are outstanding fines and penalties.

*Proposed amendments 14.5-27(g)(4)*

## Recommendations (cont'd)

- Amendments adding definitions and making language in the ordinances consistent.
- Amendments to address specific recurring issues:
  - Prohibiting use of “spotters”
  - Requiring company name on uniform to be consistent with company name on tow vehicle

## Recommendations (cont'd)

- Make uniform the requirements for towing and immobilization.
- Fees:
  - Trespass Towing Service permit fee to equal the Immobilization Permit fee. \$303.25

# Current Tow/Immobilization Fees

City of Gainesville Code Of Ordinances- APPENDIX A:

*Roam towing:*

- Trespass towing application process fee (section 14.5-29(a)(6)) [Property owners required to pay these]
  - a. Properties 1—5, each .....54.25
  - b. Properties 6—10, each .....40.50
  - c. Properties 11—15, each .....34.75
  - d. Properties 16—20, each .....29.00
  - e. Properties 20 or more, each .....17.25

**Registration—Owners, operators and vehicles:**

- **(a) Owners and vehicles .....0.00**
- (b) Operators permit .....11.00
- (c) Replacement permits .....1/2 permit fee

**Immobilization:**

- **a. Annual permit fee .....303.25**
- b. Late penalty, annual payment not timely filed, per month .....27.50
- c. Operator permit, per year .....11.00
- d. Replacement permit .....1/2 permit fee
- e. Vehicle (Medallion) permit, biennially .....27.50
- f. Removal .....66.25



# Current System

- **Types of Towing**
  - **Consensual towing**
    - Not regulated on city level
  - **Non-Consensual Towing**
    - Roam towing
    - Trespass towing
  - **Rotation Towing**
    - Law enforcement call out list
    - Contractual with law enforcement

# Current system

## Non-Consensual Towing

Permits:

Tow Operator Permit \$11 \* (same for Immobilization)

No Tow Service Permit or fee required

\* (Immobilization Service permit \$303.25)

Registrations required:

Tow Service Company	\$0
Tow Vehicles	\$0

# Recommendations

Trespass Tow Service Permit Fee =  
Immobilization Permit Fee