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

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

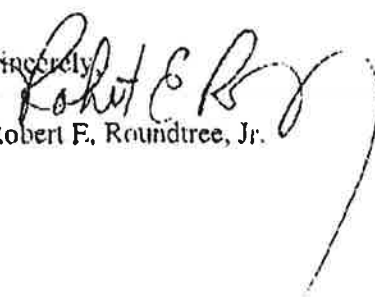
Dear Captain Mitchell:

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.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Roundtree, Jr.

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