

LEGISLATIVE #

120206a

**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.
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- 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, each54.25
- b. Properties 6—10, each40.50
- c. Properties 11—15, each34.75
- d. Properties 16—20, each29.00
- e. Properties 20 or more, each17.25

Registration—Owners, operators and vehicles:

- **(a) Owners and vehicles0.00**
- (b) Operators permit11.00
- (c) Replacement permits1/2 permit fee

Immobilization:

- **a. Annual permit fee303.25**
- b. Late penalty, annual payment not timely filed, per month27.50
- c. Operator permit, per year11.00
- d. Replacement permit1/2 permit fee
- e. Vehicle (Medallion) permit, biennially27.50
- f. Removal66.25

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