



UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL 2026 TOWING RATE COMMISSION

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 216
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Meeting Agenda
June 18, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

1. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	TRC Position	Title	Representing	Present Yes/No
Laura	Goodspeed	Commissioner/Chairperson	Auditor General	Office of the Auditor General (OAG)	
Andrew	Anyanwu	Commissioner/Designee	General Manager, Operations	Buildings, Safety, Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED)	
Jason	Adams	Commissioner/Designee	Captain	Detroit Police Department (DPD)	
OPEN		Commissioner/Appointee	Public Representative	Mayor's Office	
Peggy	Goodwin	Commissioner/Appointee	Towing Industry Representative	City Council	

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Chair Remarks

Officially welcome Peggy Goodwin to the 2026 Towing Rate Commission, who was approved by the Detroit City Council unanimously on May 26, 2026, as their appointee to represent the towing industry.

4. Public Comments

5. Unfinished Business

- A. Mayor's Office Appointee to the 2026 TRC remains open.
- B. Police Authorized Towers large event detail mandate.
- C. Municipal Parking Department Towing Rates are different than DPD Police Authorized Towing Rates.
- D. BOPC Bonding and Insurance.

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6. New Business:

A. Presentations

- i. Buildings Safety and Engineering Department *Commissioner Anyanwu*
- ii. Detroit Police Department *Commissioner Captain Adams*
- iii. Detroit Towing Association *Commissioner Peggy Goodwin*

B. Police Authorized Tows Rate Changes

- i. BOPC Bonding & Insurance Rates
- ii. Buildings Safety and Engineering Department (BSEED) Permits & Fees
- iii. Police Authorized Towers Rate or Fees Changes
- iv. DPD Administrative Fee

7. Adjournment



GovTow Records

2024 - *2026 Vehicle Categories

	Boats	Heavy Duty	Trailers	Total
2024	448	731	304	1,483
2025	358	502	347	1,207
2026	65	78	94	237
TOTAL	871	1311	745	2,927
AVERAGE	360	542	308	1,211

	Miscellaneous	Light Duty		Total
2024	371	29,825		30,196
2025	336	31,173		31,509
2026	84	12,411		12,495
TOTAL	791	73,409		74,200
AVERAGE	327	30,376		30,703

	Light Duty	Medium Duty	Heavy Duty	Totals
2024	30,196	2	1,483	31,681
2025	31,509	172	1,207	32,888
2026	12,495	137	237	12,869
TOTAL	74,200	311	2,927	77,438
AVERAGE	30,703	129	1,211	32,043

*2026 Year to Date January 1-May 31, 2026

*Boats and Trailers Require a Heavy Duty Truck

*Misc. Requires a Light Duty Truck

*Based on 2.4167 Average (2 Years, 5 Months)

*GovTow Records May Not Represent Actual Tows Due to Vehicle Parts and Duplicate Records

*GovTow Vehicle Categories were Updated July 1, 2025, in Accordance with the 2024 Tow Rate Commission

*PTIU is Actively Auditing GovTow Records for Data Quality

Source: Jason Adams, Captain

City of Detroit, Police-Management Services

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Police Authorized Tows

2023-*2026 COMPARISON				
YEAR	TOTAL TOWS	DPD TOWS	PAT TOWS	DPD %
2023	31,316	6,166	25,150	19.69%
2024	31,060	9,164	21,896	29.50%
2025	32,588	13,050	19,538	40.05%
*2026	12,685	5,902	6,783	46.53%
*Year to date January 1-May 31, 2026				
*2023-2025 Calander Years				

2023-2026 (5 MONTHS) AVERAGE: 31.85%				
	TOTAL TOWS	DPD TOWS	PAT TOWS	DPD %
Totals	107,649	34,282	73,367	
Years	3.4167	3.4167	3.4167	
Average	31,507	10,034	21,473	31.85%
*Based on 3.4167 Year Average				

Source: Jason Adams, Captain
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Boat and Vehicle Disposal

YEAR	2024	2025	2026	TOTALS	YEARLY AVERAGE
Boats	491	362	192	1045	348
Trailers	142	130	78	350	117
RVs	184	110	98	392	131
Other	9	2	4	15	5
TOTALS	826	604	372	1802	601
*2024 includes 7 Months of inventory from 2023					
*2026 is Year to Date, June 8, 2026 (5 Months)					
*Average is Based on 3 Years (36 Months)					
*Statistical Data not available prior to 2024					

Source: Jason Adams, Captain
City of Detroit, Police-Management Services
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FOLLOW-UP TO QUESTIONS POSED AT THE TOW RATE COMMISSION MEETING
ON MAY 21, 2026

REGARDING COMMISSIONER GOODWIN'S
POLICE AUTHORIZED TOWING PRESENTATION

1. **Regarding the Detail mandated at special events and other activities, the Police Authorized Towers spend on average \$121.20 per hour or \$969.60 per 8-hour-shift.** This includes wages, benefits, fuel, insurance, maintenance, and uniforms. The PATs believe they should be compensated in the form of a fee if no tows occur, just as those tow truck drivers working for the City of Detroit would receive their hourly rate/wages from the City while working detail.
2. **In answer to the question, "How often do mischaracterizations or mistakes happen in Govtow?" The PAT's state these are weekly occurrences.** What is worse, they do not get paid for these errors, even though it was not their fault and they responded to the dispatch, followed directions to impound the vehicle, etc. The PATs believe they should be paid for errors in Govtow. As an example, if they are directed to tow a vehicle to their yard, they should be compensated for any and all days of impound at the current rates of \$30 per day for light duty, \$40 per day for medium duty and \$50 per day for heavy duty, etc.
3. **The PATs are not experiencing a fair and equitable rotation, or number of tows. They are not receiving marketable cars they can sell at auction.** These go to the Police Yards. In addition to making the PAT's primary towers, it would also be fair to add the Detroit Police Towers to Govtow so every tow entity is visible, and all parties can see the rotation. **Currently, only PATs are in Govtow, and transparency would help all entities.**
4. **A suggestion for the Tow Rate Commission to visit some or all of the Tow Yards, including Police Yards on Grinnell and Grand River and the 5 PAT's.**

Source: Peggy K. Goodwin, MaDR
Public Affairs Detroit Towing Association
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Proposed Police Authorized Towing Rates and Fees

RELATED CITY WIDE BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS		
Component Cost Details	Current Cost or Requirement	2026 TRC Input Cost or Requirement
Workers' Compensation	Michigan Statutory minimum	
Employers' Liability	\$500,000.00 minimum each disease \$500,000.00 minimum each person \$500,000.00 minimum each accident	
Commercial General Liability Insurance (Broad Form Comprehensive)	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence \$2,000,000.00 aggregate	
Garage Keeper's Legal Liability Insurance	\$50,000	
Automobile Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000.00 combined single limit fo bodily injury and property damage	

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RELATED BUILDING SAFETY AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEES		
Gross Land Area	Current Cost or Requirement	2026 TRC Input Cost or Requirement
Not over 5,000 sq. ft	Flat \$222	
Over 5,000 to 10,000 sq. ft.	Base \$278	
Over 10,000 to 50,000 sq. ft.	Base \$292	
Over 50,000 to 100,000 sq. ft.	Base \$375	
Over 100,000 + each additional 40,000 sq ft. or fraction thereof to Maximum	Base \$459 Each additional \$38	
Maximum	\$3,410	

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MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES				
Tow Classification ^(A)	Current Fees	Current Weight Guidelines	2026 TRC Proposed Fees	2026 TRC Proposed Weight Guidelines
Light Duty	\$ 225.00	10,000 lbs and less		
Light Duty Second Truck	\$ 175.00	10,000 lbs and less		
Medium Duty	\$ 425.00	10,001 lbs to 26,000 lbs		
Medium Duty Second Truck	\$ 350.00	10,001 lbs to 26,000 lbs		
Heavy-Duty	\$ 700.00	26,001 lbs and greater		
Heavy-Duty Second Truck	\$ 500.00	26,001 lbs and greater		

*Note (A): Light Duty tows include motorized vehicles, SUVs, minivans, passenger trucks, and recreational vehicles.
Medium and Heavy-Duty tows are usually commercial vehicles.*

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BOATS, TRAILERS, AND CAMPERS				
Tow Classification ^(A)	Current Fee	Current Weight Guideline	2026 TRC Proposed Fee	Proposed Weight Guideline
Heavy-Duty	\$ 700.00	None/Flat Fee		

Note (A) Based on past and average tows, it was determined that boats, trailers, and campers typically require a Heavy-Duty tow.

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MISCELLANEOUS TOWS				
Tow Classification ^(A)	Current Fee	Current Weight Guideline	2026 TRC Proposed Fee	Proposed Weight Guideline
Light Duty	\$ 200.00	None/Flat Fee		

Note (A): The Miscellaneous category includes motorcycles, on and off-road all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), jet skis, scooters, mini-bikes, 4-wheelers, lawn equipment, paddle/non-engine rowboats, etc.

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OUT-OF-TOWN-RETRIEVALS		
Classification	Current Fee Per Mile	2026 TRC Proposed Fee Per Mile
Light/Meduum Duty	\$6.00	
Heavy-Duty	\$8.89	

Notes:

(A) Per the Police Authorized Towers contracts, the mileage for “Out-of-Town Retrievals” is to be calculated from the point at which the tow truck exits the City of Detroit city limits to retrieve the vehicle, to the point at which the tow truck and towed vehicle re-enters the City of Detroit city limits us-ing the most reasonably efficient route

□ (B) The charges are “in addition” to the towing fees associated with the category and classification of the item being towed.

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STORAGE FEES			
Category	Storage	Current Daily Fee	2026 TRC Proposed Daily Fee
Motorized Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles	Light Duty	\$ 30.00	
	Medium Duty	\$ 40.00	
	Heavy-Duty	\$ 50.00	
Boats, Trailers, and Campers	Heavy-Duty	\$ 50.00	
Motorcycles	Light Duty	\$ 30.00	

Notes:

(A) According to the Detroit Police Department Manual, storage fees are waived if a complainant's vehicle is towed, transported, and held at the Department's approved evidence lot for the purpose of collecting and processing evidence, if the crimes are either homicide, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, or carjacking.

(B) The Detroit Police Department does not assess fees when a vehicle was stolen and recovered in the City of Detroit. Exceptions include situations where the vehicle is being picked up by a corporate or business entity, such as an insurance company, or where the individual has insurance that includes payment of towing and storage fees.

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DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE		
Category	Current Rate	2026 TRC Proposed Fee
Administrative Fee ^(A)	\$75.00	

*Note (A): The Administrative Fee was proposed by the TRC Commissioner representing the Detroit Police Department.
The 2024 TRC Proposed Administrative Fee is supported based on unanimous vote by the 2024 TRC Commissioners.*