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Via email: [bellw4bopc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:bellw4bopc@detroitmi.gov)

Hon. Willie E. Bell  
Chairperson  
Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Re: BOPC extension of towing permits

Dear Chairman Bell:

I have your May 3, 2021 letter asking that the 2016 tow permits, which expire on May 30, 2021, be extended for 120 days. You also ask that the current RFP process for selecting DPD authorized towers be suspended for the same time.

Two years ago, when Detroit City Council proposed an ordinance to govern Detroit Police Department policies relative to camera usage, the corporation counsel's office stepped in and made clear that those policies were the exclusive purview of the Board of Police Commissioners under the 2012 Detroit Charter.

Here, I believe the charter is equally clear that towing permits are a form of contracting that are under the responsibility of the City Procurement department and City Council. It would be appropriate for the BOPC to have input into the standards for procurement, but once the selection process starts, it must be handled by the appropriate department.

In order to allow the Board time to engage in a discussion of BOPC's role in the RFP process under the City Charter, Ordinances and State law, I have agreed with your request and have asked the procurement department to suspend the RFP process until September 30, 2021.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Duggan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael E. Duggan  
Mayor