

## **THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS TOWING RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT FOR TOW CONTRACTS**

Whereas, in 2016, this Board issued 5 year permits to certain tow companies to allow them to act as police authorized towers.

Whereas, in 2017, shortly after receiving reports of corrupt activities by individuals connected with police authorized towing, this Board approved the following motion: “Based on the recommendation of Corporation Counsel (City of Detroit), the Board of Police Commissioners hereby supports the view that the process for awarding towing permits should be transferred to the City Office of the Chief Procurement Officer.”

Whereas, thereafter multiple individuals connected to police authorized towing pled guilty to felonies involving bribery.

Whereas, the Office of Contract Procurement has prepared a request for proposal to bid out contracts for tow companies that wish to act as police authorized towers after the expiration of the 2016 tow permits, now scheduled to expire on September 30, 2021.

Whereas, it is important for purposes of transparency, and to avoid possible corruption of the bid process, that the bid process be conducted and supervised by the Office of Contract Procurement, and that contracts awarded to towers be approved by the Corporation Counsel, Director of Contract Procurement and City Council.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the 2016 tow permits will terminate on September 30, 2021. The Board further acknowledges the following:

- A. The Office of Contract Procurement (OCP) will, upon adoption of this Resolution, immediately resume the RFP/bid process that was underway when the Board voted to extend the permits.
- B. The RFP/bid process shall be conducted and supervised by OCP, including the form and content of the RFP/bid process documents.
- C. Subject to the approval of the Procurement Director, the DPD shall take appropriate measures to ensure that up to three BOPC members or representatives serve on the committee tasked with scoring the towing companies applying for police authorized towing contracts.
- D. Contracts awarded to towers shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, Director of Contract Procurement and City Council.
- E. All future procurements for police authorized towers shall be conducted in the same fashion as set forth above.
- F. The Board shall maintain supervisory oversight over the Towing Monitor and police authorized towing operations.
- G. After the towing contracts go into effect, the Towing Monitor shall notify the Board of Police Commissioners or its designee of its intent to notify the Office of the Inspector General or the Procurement Director of any matter that may result in adverse action against a contracted police authorized tower.
- H. In accordance with the Charter of the City of Detroit, local rules and ordinances, and the policies and procedures of OCP, the Procurement Director shall oversee all contracts entered into between the City of Detroit / Detroit Police Department and private towers for towing and recovery services.