



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: John Betten, Chief of Police
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: December 21, 2009
Subject: Ordinance regarding Administrative Tow Fees

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Safety

Background: In an effort to reclaim valuable resources expended in the processing for persons arrested and vehicle seized during certain criminal investigations, the Police Department proposed the addition of Administrative Tow Fees. The fees (either \$250.00 or \$500.00 depending on the offense) are not a fine and are paid in addition to the tow operators towing and impound fees. A provision exists for anyone found not guilty of all underlying charges to have the fee refunded and an administrative hearing component exists for owners who feel that their vehicle should not have been impounded.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: \$100,000 estimated annual revenue

Staff recommendation: Approval