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MEMORANDUM

DATE : August 26, 2024
TO : The City of Detroit Honorable City Council
FROM: Laura Goodspeed, CPA *LG*
Auditor General/Chairperson of the 2024 Towing Rate Commission
RE : 2024 Towing Rate Commission Presentation on Recommended
Police Authorized Tows
C : David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division

The 2024 Towing Rate Commission was convened in June 2024 by the Public Health and Safety Standing Committee (PHS) in accordance with the Detroit City Code under Section 46-2-91. The Towing Ordinance sets forth the mechanism for the creation of the Commission and provides (in part) the following:

Sec. 46-2-91. Tow rates for police authorized towing.

- (a) A Towing Rate Commission shall be created, composed of the Auditor General as Chairperson, the Director of Buildings, Safety, Engineering, and Environmental Department or designated representative, the Chief of Police or designated representative, a representative of the public appointed by the mayor, and a representative of the towing industry appointed by City Council.
- (b) Such commission shall be charged with the duty of reviewing the administrative, towing, service, and storage fees for police authorized towing at least once every two years and submitting its recommendation to City Council by October 1st of the year of review. If the towing rate commission fails to forward such recommendation within the time provided, City Council may adopt a resolution to set the administrative, towing, service, and storage fees without such recommendation.

The 2024 Towing Rate Commission would like to present our recommendations to City Council before the October 1st deadline, and respectfully ask that this request be referred to the PHS and placed on their agenda with a proposed presentation date of September 16, 2024.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.