

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Update Private Property Impound Towing Code to add contact requirement consistent with state law (Ordinance; amend Code Section 7.24.050)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Amendments to ORS Chapter 98, implemented since 2003 when this code was enacted, have further clarified local regulatory authority for purposes of restricting aggressive towing practices. Many of these were already in our City Code. This amendment is in response to Oregon Senator Chuck Riley's suggestion that towers might misinterpret our regulations to allow practices that are inconsistent with state law. Although our code requires towers to act in accordance with state law, we agree with the Senator that our regulations might be misinterpreted, so we are revising the code to make it clear that towers must comply with state law.

ORS 98.854 1(b) states that the tower may not tow a vehicle from a parking facility if the property agent is the tower with exceptions listed in 98.854 (3). The amendment to PCC 7.24.050 calls that prohibition out specifically.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This amendment does not have any budgetary impact.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This ordinance further clarifies regulations for Private Property Impounds in Portland. These regulations restrict aggressive towing practices by having systems in place to ensure impounds are performed as the property owner requests.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

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