



## AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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**DEPARTMENT:** Community  
Development

**MEETING:** Town Council – November 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Discussion to consider amending the Wrecker/Towing Regulations.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

**The following is an overview for discussion on changes to the proposed towing regulations.**

Organized the ordinance based on.

1. Regulations that apply to all towing/wrecker operators
2. Regulations that apply to private/trespass towing procedures
3. Regulations for operators providing towing for public property/impoundment purposes.

### **Proposed**

- Combined Article VII. - Wrecker/towing services and impoundment and Sec. 18-78. - Vehicle towing and storage—Police department eligible list.
- Changed age of Individual operating a towing/wrecker from 18 **to** 21 years of age.
- Clarified policy for the police eligibility list.
- Changed from towing any automobile or truck regardless of size or weight **to** capable of towing the type of automobile or truck requested to be towed.
- Changed from to have facilities to protect from the elements vehicles damaged by exposure **to** take the appropriate precautions to protect damaged vehicles from the exposure of weather elements and have sufficient fenced storage space with security lighting to protect vehicles from break-ins, theft, and damage.
- Change from having a garage located within the Town of Carolina Beach **to** within New Hanover County located three miles from the Town of Carolina Beach town limits.
- Added to rates and fee schedule a \$200 towing/wrecker application fee.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Discussion only

**MOTION:**

Direct staff to bring back amendments to be considered at the December Town Council meeting.