



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	05/19/2026	Agenda Items	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	City Secretary
Reviewed by City Attorney		Department	Ordinances/Permitting
Subject	Discussion and possible action to the Motor Vehicle Wrecker Services Ordinance, Chapter 111.		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:		N/A
	Amount Budgeted:		N/A
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
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Executive Summary

The City's existing motor vehicle wrecker service ordinance contains provisions that are inconsistent with current operational allowances within the City limits. Amendments are therefore necessary to ensure the continued administration of a fair and effective wrecker rotation system, while also aligning local requirements with applicable state regulations.

Specifically, the ordinance is being updated to comply with the rules and licensing requirements established by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), including those governing towing companies and vehicle storage facilities (VSFs). In accordance with these state regulations, new provisions have been incorporated to ensure all participating service providers maintain valid licensure and operate in full compliance with TDLR standards.

As part of these updates, all wrecker service providers seeking inclusion on the City's rotation list will be required to submit an annual application. This process is intended to verify continued compliance with TDLR licensing requirements and ensure that all operators meet the City's standards for service.

Additionally, the ordinance establishes updated criteria for qualified vehicle storage facilities. All such facilities must be located within an eight (8) mile radius of the City of Sweeny and must meet all applicable TDLR regulatory requirements. Proof of current TDLR licensing shall be submitted as part of the annual application process. Each approved wrecker service provider will be required to store any impounded vehicle at its own licensed storage facility upon taking custody of the vehicle.

To maintain fairness and efficiency in dispatching services, the City will implement a structured rotation system. In the event that more than one wrecker service provider is approved, the rotation roster will be updated weekly, with changes taking effect each Sunday at 12:00 a.m.

These amendments are intended to promote regulatory compliance, improve service consistency, and ensure that all towing and storage operations conducted within the City meet established state and local standards.

Recommended Action

Motion: To amend the City's Motor Vehicle Wrecker Services ordinance, Chapter 111, with recommended changes for draft of ordinance, to be adopted at the following Regular meeting.