



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Don Hudson, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT:
Request for Review of Tow Ordinance Rates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In October 2013, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1356-13, creating Tualatin Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 8-05, Towing from Private Property. The purpose of TMC 8-05 is to ensure that towing motor vehicles from private property facilities is performed safely, require private parking facilities to provide adequate notice of prohibited parking areas, and ensure that those whose motor vehicles have been towed can gain knowledge of the location of their motor vehicle.

The ordinance requires tow companies to obtain a license before being able to tow vehicles from a private parking facility within the City of Tualatin. There are currently 10 active tow licenses.

TMC 8-05-080, Towing and Storage Rates, sets the rates that can be charged for the following:

- After Hours Release Fee
- Hookup Fee
- Mileage Fee
- Release at Scene Fee
- Storage Fee

The rates have remained unchanged since the passage of the ordinance.

The City received a letter dated July 14, 2025 from Beaverton Towing (see attached) requesting a review and adjustment of the current rate structure. The letter lists suggested updated rates, and notes the current rate allowed in TMC 8-05-080.

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding this request.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter from Beaverton Towing, July 14, 2025
- TMC 8-05, Towing from Private Property