



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Extension of the current Municipal Tow Manager Agreement for the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Police Department.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will authorize the extension of the current Municipal Tow Manager Agreement between the City of San Antonio (City) and United Road Towing d/b/a United Road Vehicle Management Solution (URVMS) for a period of one (1) year with a one-year option to extend, effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The purpose of this agreement is to provide police-directed towing management services and incident management of heavy-duty accidents for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 28, 2015, City Council passed ordinance 2015-05-28-0462 approving the negotiation and execution of the Municipal Tow Manager Agreement (Agreement) between the City and URVMS. The initial term of the Agreement commenced on December 1, 2015 and terminated on November 30, 2019. On October 14, 2019, the Chief of Police extended the Agreement by enacting the renewal term of one additional two-year period commencing on December 1, 2019,

and terminating on November 30, 2021. On June 10, 2021, City Council passed ordinance 2021-06-10-0443 approving the First Amendment and Extension of the Agreement, extending the agreement through September 30, 2023.

URVMS oversees and manages six local small business subcontractors to perform all towing and tow dispatch services required by SAPD. In addition, URVMS provides the Incident Management services to directly oversee the recoveries of all major traffic incidents within the City limits, including all heavy-duty accidents. Since the implementation of this agreement, the first of its kind in the state, overall response time from time of tow truck request until the tow truck arrives on the scene vastly improved within the City from 45 minutes to 14 minutes.

ISSUE:

This ordinance will authorize extending the current Municipal Tow Manager Agreement between the City and URVMS for a period of one year with for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

This extension increases the current tow fee structure. The current fee structure was approved in December 2017, the proposed increases address inflationary increases consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between January 2018 and February 2023.

Fee Description	Current	Proposed Rate
Light Duty	\$177.00	\$210.00
Medium Duty	\$293.00	\$350.00
Heavy Duty	\$345.00	\$410.00
Heavy Duty Assistance/Winch-Out Service	\$345.00	\$410.00
Rotator Special Equipment	\$750.00	\$750.00

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no other alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated average revenue, to the City, from this agreement is \$350,000 per year. The City receives a guaranteed commission of \$7.00 per tow which is deposited into the City of San Antonio's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this contract extension.