

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, APPROVING FORM OF TOW SERVICE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF OPENINGS ON THE TOWING SERVICE ROTATION LIST PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 (VEHICLE TOWING SERVICES) OF TITLE 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO CONDUCT A TOW FEE STUDY TO CONFORM WITH RATES WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OPERATING WITHIN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police maintains a rotation list for vehicle towing services by the issuance of permits to qualified tow service operators; and

WHEREAS, the Watsonville Police Department recently completed a formal Request for Proposals to compile a list of vehicle tow companies; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to execute agreements with operators holding permits under section 4-11.02 of the Watsonville Municipal Code wishing to be placed on a rotation list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. This action does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project", because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

2. That the form of Tow Service Agreement between the City of Watsonville and tow service operators on the City's rotation list, a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

3. The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Agreements for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, with minor revisions that may be approved by the Interim City Manager and the City Attorney.

4. That the three openings on the Rotational Tow List are hereby authorized.

5. City staff is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a "Tow Fee Study" in order to evaluate city tow-related fees to ensure they conform with current rates of other law enforcement agencies operating within Santa Cruz County.
