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MEMORANDUM 19-045

TO: City of Seguin City Council
Mr. Rick Cortes, Acting City Manager

FROM: Terry Nichols, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Wrecker Ordinance Amendments

DATE: November 22, 2019

Pursuant to Section 106-105 of the City of Seguin Code of Ordinances, two meetings were held this fall with wrecker companies currently on the Police Department Rotation list. Although the Code specifies a meeting to be held during the fall of every even numbered years, the Police Department believed it was in the best interest of the community and the City to hold a meeting this year.

Based on feedback from the wrecker companies as well as operational concerns from the Police Department, several changes to the current ordinance are recommended. These include:

1. Remove the requirement for a Police Officer to determine the manner/method in which a wrecker driver may use to tow a vehicle.
2. Add toll fees as applicable for tows by both Category A and B wreckers.
3. For consistency, remove the all inclusive requirement for Police-Authorized Tow-Impound/Non-Accident and add same additions/fees as the Police-Authorized Tow from Accident Scene.
4. Add limit of 5 miles from City limits for Roadside Assists calls when requested by a Police Officer for set \$100 fee.
5. Add requirement for wrecker companies to provide quote for all vehicles towed outside of the City limits.
6. Raised the rate from flat \$500 fee to \$350 per hour with two hour minimum for Category B wreckers (large wreckers) for Police-Authorized Tow – Impound/Non-Accident.

Staff recommends approval of these changes to the current ordinance.

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