



## **MEMORANDUM**

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council

From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *Andy Quittner*

Date: July 8, 2019

Re: Ordinance creating tow away zones

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In April 2019, the City Council approved creating a no parking zone along Eighth Street from IH-10 to the Union Pacific Railroad. Since they would be potentially effected by a no parking zone Niagara was informed of the new no parking ordinance and passed the word on to those companies and truck drivers that pick up and deliver to their plant. Rather than begin with writing citations, the police department talked with drivers informing them that citations would be written if they kept using Eighth Street for parking and staging. Some of the drivers understood, and parking issues began to decrease.

Other truck drivers, however, have taken a different tact. Rather than parking on Eighth Street, they unhitch their trailers, leaving the trailers behind so they won't receive a citation. As a result, the parking problem continues, and is still an issue for other properties on Eighth Street.

The Ordinance under consideration would create a tow-away zone, whereby the police could call the heavy-load tow truck company on rotation to pick up any trailer left on the side of Eighth Street – not attached to a tractor. Staff believes that after one or two trailers are removed by a tow truck, the others will quickly come into compliance with the parking regulations.