



City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: February 21, 2024 Requester: Councilmember Lynne Greene

Agenda Item Title: Creation of City Ordinance

Estimated Cost: N/A Anticipated Funding Source: N/A

City Department(s) Support Requested: City Attorney/Code Enforcement

Estimated Staff Time Required: unknown

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: March 4, 2024

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

- Goal 1: Safe and Secure Community
- Objective 1.3: Improve and sustain neighborhood safety.
- Goal 4: Desirable Place to Live, Work, and Recreate.
- Objective 4.3: Improve and maintain proactive and consistent code enforcement throughout the City.

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Draft of a towing ordinance to address requirements of proper signage (public notice) in tow-away zones prior to cars being towed from private property. The towing ordinance should also require the tow companies to accept payments by debit and credit cards, in addition to cash.

Creation of this ordinance will allow the enforcement of regulations granted to cities under G.S. 160A-174 (2 articles attached).

This should also mitigate some of the problems which have arisen due to involuntary towing in the Haymount area and avoid future problems in areas throughout the City where parking may be limited.

Ratification of the drafted ordinance at a future meeting.

Additional Comments:

Attorney Pulliam has reviewed the 2 articles which discuss the case of King v Town of Chapel Hill that sets the precedent for my request and believes an ordinance can be drafted and adopted.

Attorney Pulliam, Attorney Hall (Police), and I have visited the Haymount locations where current towing is occurring. Multiple business owners in the area have expressed their concerns that this issue be addressed before it escalates. Law enforcement has been called to the area due to incidences that were related to towing.