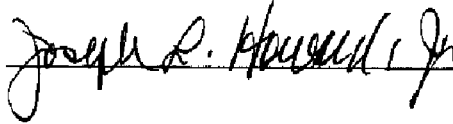


**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE February 19, 2008

TO Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joseph L. Howard, Jr
County Attorney



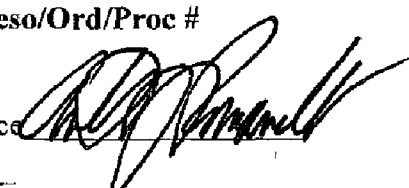
ISSUE Authorize a Public Hearing to Amend Section G(2)(A) and an Addition to Section L of the Sheriff's Office Towing Policy

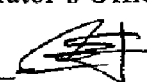
RECOMMENDATION Approval

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: (3)

- [1] Background Report [3] Reso/Ord/Proc # R08-96
- [2] Proposed Resolution R08-134 [] Reso/Ord/Proc #
- [] [] Reso/Ord/Proc #

REVIEW [X] County Administrator's Office 

[X] Sheriff's Office 

[] Budget _____

- [X] **Consent Agenda** [] **Other Business** [] **Public Hearing**
- [] **Discussion Item** [] **Presentation** [] **Unfinished Business**
- [] **New Business**

PRESENTATION BY N/A

ELECTION DISTRICT N/A

BACKGROUND REPORT

On June 20, 1995, by Resolution R95-328(R), the Board adopted the Sheriff's Office Towing Policy regarding law-enforcement requested towing. The Advisory Board on Towing has reviewed areas of the Towing Policy and has recommended changes to portions of the Towing Policy.

The current Policy provides that the Sheriff's Office process, investigate, and inspect all towing applications/firms. Currently, there is no cap on the number of towers per zone. The Sheriff's Office is also charged with maintenance of these services throughout the year by conducting random and scheduled inspections of equipment as well as records. The Sheriff does not have staff dedicated to accomplish what has become an increased work load that has decreased traffic safety services to Stafford County citizens. The proposed change to the policy will cap the number of towers which will reduce the associated services of the staff.

Proposed Resolution R08-134 incorporates the proposed amendments to the Towing Policy regarding heavy duty wreckers and capping the towing zones.

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution R08-96 which authorizes a public hearing.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 4th day of March, 2008

MEMBERS

VOTE

George H Schwartz, Chairman
M S "Joe" Brito, Vice Chairman
Harry E Crisp II
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V Milde III
Cord A Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION G(2)(A) AND AN ADDITION
TO SECTION L OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TOWING POLICY

WHEREAS, Section 46 2-1217 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, authorizes the Board to regulate law enforcement requested towing, and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1995, by Resolution R95-328(R), the Board adopted the Sheriff's Office Towing Policy (Towing Policy), and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2002, the Board adopted changes to Towing Policy Section G(2)(A) regarding equipment for heavy-duty towers, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing has recommended that further changes be made to the Towing Policy to increase the number of heavy-duty wreckers available to respond to a call made to towers on the Heavy-Duty Wrecker List as stated in the Towing Policy, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing wants further changes made to the Towing Policy to require heavy duty wreckers to own or lease two heavy duty wreckers, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing has recommended that changes be made to Towing Policy Section L regarding capping the zones, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Towing Policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 4th day of March, 2008, that the Stafford County Sheriff's Office Towing Policy be and it hereby is amended and reordained as follows, all other portions of the Towing Policy remaining the same

G REQUIRED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT OF AUTHORIZED TOWERS

- 2 A For those towers who desire to be on the Heavy-Duty Wrecker List, contracting tower ~~shall make available a~~ must own or lease two tow trucks, hereinafter known as a heavy-duty wreckers, equipped with a hydraulic wrecking cranes capable of lifting at least fifty thousand (50,000) pounds and capable of towing at least eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. ~~‡~~ The wreckers shall be equipped with a cradles of sufficient size to tow all types of trucks, tractors, and trailers without damage to the latter, a heavy duty sling, air brakes, and an auxiliary air supply capable of tying into the air brakes of the disabled vehicle to enable safe towing under the braking control of the truck

L TOWING AREAS AND TOWING LISTS

- ~~5~~ 4 Each tower shall be assigned to an appropriate towing area and be placed on the List for that particular area
- 5 Each tow area will be allowed a specific number of authorized towers per zone as set out below

<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>5 towers</u>
<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>1 tower</u>
<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>5 towers</u>

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 19th day of February, 2008

MEMBERS

VOTE

George H Schwartz, Chairman
M S "Joe" Brito, Vice Chairman
Harry E Crisp II
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V Milde III
Cord A Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND SECTION G(2)(A) AND AN ADDITION TO SECTION L OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOWING POLICY

WHEREAS, Section 46.2-1217 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, authorizes the Board to regulate law enforcement requested towing, and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1995, by Resolution R95-328, the Board adopted the Sheriff's Office Towing Policy (Towing Policy), and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2002, by Resolution R02-177, the Board adopted changes to Towing Policy Section G(2)(A) regarding equipment for heavy-duty towers, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing has recommended that further changes be made to the Towing Policy to increase the number of heavy-duty wreckers available to respond to a call made to towers on the Heavy-Duty Wrecker List as stated in the Towing Policy, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing desires further changes made to the Towing Policy to require heavy duty wreckers to own or lease two heavy duty wreckers, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Towing has recommended that changes be made to Towing Policy Section L regarding capping the zones, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Towing Policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 19th day of February, 2008, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing on amendments to the Towing Policy

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